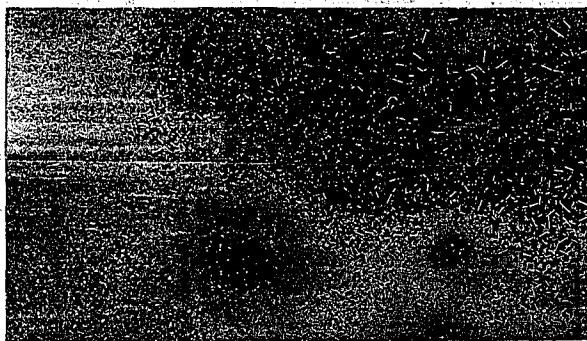
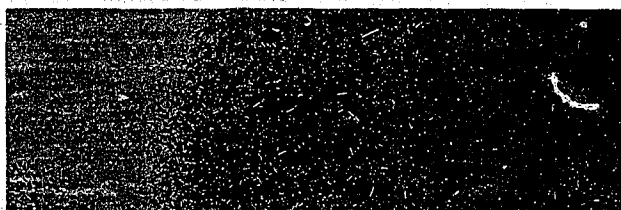


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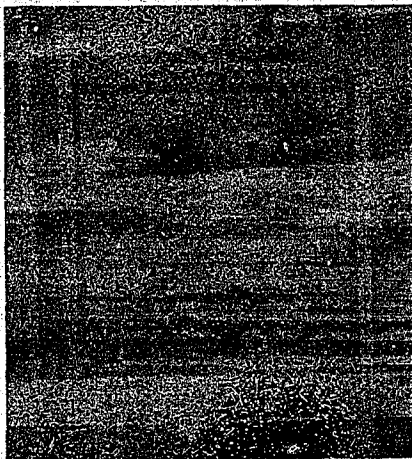
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Summerskies

Cloudy skies over Sanibel and Captiva are not always bad news for everybody. Photographer Mark Johnson has spent many a gray afternoon this summer capturing the contrasts of nature made by the sea, the sky and even the occasional pelican along our shores.

Other photographers can plan to do the same this week, as the weatherman predicts more clouds and late afternoon and early evening thunderstorms over Southwest Florida in typical summer fashion. Shellers and sun worshippers should plan their beach outings for the mornings and early afternoons this week.



Price appointed new Sanibel city manager

By Barbara Brundage

Gary Price will take over Sanibel's top administrative post Sept. 28 when City Manager Bernie Murphy leaves to become town manager of Acton, Mass.

Price, 37, has worked for the city for almost seven years and has served as assistant city manager for the last 2 1/2 years. The City Council offered him the top job last Tuesday after officially accepting Murphy's resignation.

The council opted to promote from within rather than conduct a search for an administrator from outside, a process the councilmen estimated would have taken at least six months.

Councilman Mike Klein was the first to suggest that the council seriously consider Price, "who appreciates the values and needs of the people of this city."

"The applicants we could expect from other parts of the country would probably laugh at some of the

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Pirate Playhouse

Changes hands again

By Barbara Brundage

The Pirate Playhouse, operated as a community theater on Sanibel for 18 years but dark since the death of its founder Philip Hunter in December 1982, has been sold again.

Island Real Estate by Bissell and Holtz confirmed Friday an "operative contract for the sale has been signed and the closing is expected in the near future."

Marshall Holtz of the real estate firm would not release the buyer's name or the purchase price.

The Playhouse, a Periwinkle Way landmark, and the 2.7 acres of land surrounding it, was put on the market by Captiva restaurateur Jamie Parquharson last February. The asking price was \$325,000.

Parquharson purchased the property in April 1983 from Hunter's widow, Ruth, for \$160,000. At that time he said he planned to continue to operate the playhouse in the same tradition of the theater as a community service nurtured by the Hunters.

Since 1965 the Hunters had operated their 90-seat theater in the round during the winter season. The

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All three councilmen want their seats back

By Barbara Brundage

All three Sanibel city councilmen whose terms expire this year will seek re-election in November. Francis Bailey, who has served on the council since the city's incorporation, will run for a fourth term. Mayor Fred Valtin and Councilman Mike Klein will vie for their second terms.

Valtin has formally filed his letter of intent to seek office well in advance of the Aug. 31 deadline.

Richard Donlin, an attorney, has also filed a letter of intent and indicated he will run for Bailey's seat.

Planning Commissioner Jerry Muench told *The Islander* he plans to run for a council seat, but he has not yet filed a letter of intent.

Planning Commissioner Lennart Lorenson told

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ISLAND SHORTS

Community news and announcements about your friends and neighbors



Former Sanibel planning commissioner returns after law school graduation

Armed with a degree from the Indiana University School of Law, Judy Workman has come home to South-west Florida and is living on Sanibel with her two children, Michael and Jennifer.

While awaiting the results of the Florida Bar exam she took in July, Workman is working as a law clerk doing research for Humphreys, Jones and Myers, a Fort Myers law firm.

She has already passed the Indiana bar and is licensed to practice law in that state. "But I couldn't stay away from Florida," she admits.

Workman first came to Sanibel in 1972. She served on the Planning Commission from 1978 to 1980 but resigned when she left Sanibel to enter

law school.

Last year she was one of four scholarship recipients chosen by the local American Business Women's Association. She graduated from the Indiana law school in May with a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree.

Workman made her first professional appearance on the island at last week's City Council meeting with her boss, Attorney James Humphreys. The pair, representing a client who wants to build a private boat dock on San Carlos Bay, spoke in opposition to a pending city ordinance that would delete boat docks and marinas as permitted use in the bay beach zone of the island.



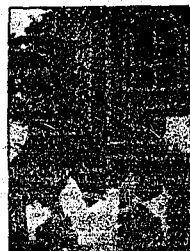
How would you like this little fellow as a house pet? Lavender-Blue, one of two American cougars who visited Sanibel last Thursday, is in the care of Octogon, a group concerned with the care and welfare of wildlife.

Lavender was visiting the home of Islander Ann Winterbotham and seemed to enjoy the watch there. Lavender's caretaker, Peter Caron,

was visiting Winterbotham.

Caron is trying to raise money to assist in the care of the animals. If you are interested in donating to this one-of-a-kind organization contact Octogon at Rt. A, Box 835, Punta Gorda, FL 33980, or call 656-0579. All donations go wholly to the animal and the gifts are tax deductible. Photo by Mark Johnson.

Happy sheller's luck doubles



Even though the two junoniae she found last week are imperfect, Orlando visitor Mary Ellen Knight says she plans to frame them for display.

Mary Ellen, who has visited the islands for 15 years and had never found a junonia before the two prized specimens when she was digging in the sand near some driftwood at the Lighthouse. She and her family stay at the Colony resort.

Mary Ellen is studying biology at the University of Central Florida and plans to pursue conchology in graduate school.

Children's Center registration scheduled

Registration for fall term at the Children's Center of the Islands will be held next Thursday, Aug. 23. Parents should come to the school between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to tour the facility and meet with teachers.

Registration is open to all pre-schoolers who will be 3 years old by Sept. 1, 1984. Space permitting, enrollment is open throughout the

year to children upon their third birthday. Attendance can be based on three, four or five days a week. Scholarships are available.

The after-school program for kindergarten will not be available this year.

The center is at 353 Casa Ybel Road. For more information call 472-4538.

for students attending the morning program.

Parents should come prepared with immunization records and statement of good health from their child's doctor. \$25 for the registration fee, and the first month's tuition in advance.

The center offers both a morning program (from 8:30 a.m. to noon) and/or an evening program until 5:30 p.m.

Teens elect officers, directors for their own Island club

A nine-member executive board elected at an organizational meeting of The Teen Club of the Islands Aug. 5 has taken over the reins from adult sponsors. The teens are now in charge of their own club's destiny.

Twenty-seven of the 31 young islanders who attended the meeting at the Sanibel Community Association joined the fledgling club and paid \$5 dues, according to David La Croix, one of the adults who helped get the organization off the ground.

Officers elected are: Kirstin La Croix, president; Kilt Toomey, vice president; Jenny Ten Breck, secretary; Holly Phelps, treasurer.

Shawn Cole was named newsletter director; Kerie Stern, social activities director; Grant Slay, community projects and fund raising director; Janet

Wilson, membership and publicity director; and Kaitrine La Croix, meeting program director.

These officers and directors are members of the executive board that will run the club.

Regular meetings are scheduled for the first Sunday of every month beginning at 4:30 p.m., and will be held at the community association hall, which is being offered to the club without charge.

Social events will be held the third weekend of each month with the first — an all-day excursion to Bunch Gardens and Adventure Island in Tampa — set for this Saturday, Aug. 18.

Organizer La Croix says there are 165 young people aged 14 to 18 on Sanibel and Captiva. About half this number are off-island for the summer, he says. Based on this fact he predicts the club

membership will double when everyone gets back in the fall.

At the first official meeting Kilt Toomey won free dance lessons at "Dance La Croix" for having the darkest tan. Grant Slay won an all expense paid trip to Bunch Gardens. Pam Forsberg won a certificate from Pinocchio's for being the most recent newcomer to the island. New Mexico-born Jim Bell won an Island Pizza certificate for being the teen born farthest away.

Members must be between 14 and 18 years old. Meetings and other club news will be announced in the Teen Scene newsletter sponsored by the Bank of the Islands. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 2.

FOR SALE: Completely furnished and equipped two-bedroom home on 150 feet of gulf beach on Sanibel. \$35,000.

15 Years Ago This Week
Aug. 16, 1969

34 people, or 25 percent of the island's registered Republicans, attended an organizational meeting last week to express their interest in forming a Republican Club on Sanibel and Captiva. Paul Stahlke acted as temporary chairman at the meeting.

10 Years Ago This Week
Aug. 15, 1974

Hazel Amon, Don McDrall and Vivian Tongyai were honored at last week's annual awards dinner at Priscilla Murphy Realty.

A Houston, Texas, man went before a federal grand jury in Tampa this week on charges of breaking 16 to the Sanibel Post Office. The incident occurred last week.

Mariner Properties, Inc., recently paid \$526,000 for a portion of 720 feet of prime beachfront on Sanibel.

plans to develop west of the Sundial resort.

FOR RENT: One-bedroom, furnished apartment. Two blocks from Bailey's. \$210 per month.

5 Years Ago This Week
Aug. 14, 1979

Barbara Ward has been named the new principal for Sanibel Elementary School. The former assistant principal at Tice Elementary School taught at Orangewood Elementary School for 15 years.

The monthly report from the Sanibel Police Department indicates the incidence of crime on the island in July was the lowest yet for 1979.

1 Year Ago This Week
Aug. 16, 1983

After directing the Children's Center of the Islands for eight of the nine years the center has been open, Martha Ryckman is passing the reins to a new director, Julie DeVere.

City planners last week unveiled standards for the installation of satellite dish television antennas on Sanibel.

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Weather watch

Everybody talks about it....



The weatherman is calling for partly cloudy skies with a 50 percent chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms over Southwest Florida through Friday this week.

Last week's weather according to data kept by the Sanibel-Captiva Chamber of Commerce was as follows:

	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Monday, Aug. 6	90	73	.08
Tuesday, Aug. 7	88	73	.48
Wednesday, Aug. 8	89	75	.31
Thursday, Aug. 9	90	77	0
Friday, Aug. 10	91	76	0
Saturday, Aug. 11	91	77	0
Sunday, Aug. 12	90	79	0

Cleaning house? Think ABC

Cleaning house? Redecorating? Rearranging? Keep in mind that workers for the 1983 Captiva Attic-Basement-Closet Sale already are gathering goods for the sale that is set for Feb. 23, 1985.

Anyone who has items to donate new — furniture, china, books, sporting goods, jewelry, bric-a-brac, etc., — should call George Parker, 472-0655; Carol Allen, 472-2435; or Bob Manderscheid, 472-1534, for pick-up or delivery arrangements. The ABC Sale committee asks that donations of linen and clothing be held until late fall.

Donations are tax deductible and go toward fund raising to benefit the Captiva Civic Association and the Captiva Memorial Library.

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20 Years Ago This Week
Aug. 13, 1964

"Teen Corner" columnist Jerry Muench reports Roseanne and Joe Graziano have collected more than 1,000 sand dollars with hopes of selling them.

COMMENTARY

Howe expresses concern about possible 'animal husbandry' enterprise on Sanibel

To the Editor
The Islander

Sanibel's popular naturalist, George Campbell, recently hinted to the City Council that he might seek to engage in an undefined form of "animal husbandry" on the island.

He did not specifically identify the location of the proposed enterprise, but he left the impression that it probably would not be on either the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge or the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation property. Those are the only two locations on Sanibel, however, that have the potential for

harboring such an enterprise.

Nevertheless, there is precedent for the belief that any attempt to locate his project in a purely residential neighborhood, such as his own, would be vigorously opposed. Accordingly, it is my sincere suggestion to George, or anyone so inclined, to abandon any plan to engage in animal husbandry outside of the two above-mentioned refuges.

The Sanibel city of today is not the Sanibel Island of yore!

Cordially,
Paul Howe
Sanibel

New Jersey subscriber defends residents accused of "cocktailing" in the refuge

The following letter is in response to a letter in the July 31 Commentary about "cocktailers" at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

To the Editor
The Islander

I would like to respond to Sidney Keough's letter regarding the J.N. "Ding" Darling refuge's "cocktail hour."

My husband and I (ironically enough, also originally from Scotch Plains, N.J.) also vacation on Sanibel, and we'd like to know what Mr. Keough is talking about.

We have been through the refuge at various times but mostly at 5 p.m. because we usually see the most activity at that time of day — I mean activity from the animals and birds.

The "cocktailers" that he speaks of must be a very elusive animal because we've never seen them. Sure, there are a couple of crabs with a beer in hand, but tailgate parties with shrimp and dip? The Sanibel sun must have gone to his head.

If he saw "cocktailers" parked on the sides of the observation tower, they obviously are ignorant tourists or vacationers who have no regard for nature and won't see any nature

My island in the blue

I awoke in the morning
And I can't believe it's true
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by the thousands are here
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so smokeless and clear
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which makes Sanibel rare
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of others we share
B is for beauty
so bounteously spread
E is for endless
the beaches we tread
L is for lucky
if you surely must be
if you make it to Sanibel
The Isle I love on the sea.

Marian Luebbert
Holiday, Fla.

because they are probably making too much noise and scaring everything away.

Instead of saying, "Shame on you, Fish and Wildlife and shame on Sanibel," (and I quote Mr. Keough), he should blame the few individuals who are partaking of this activity. I'm sure the residents of Sanibel have more smarts than that. How about it?

Barbara Payne
Woodbridge, N.J.

Notice to our readers

Something to say?

All letters submitted to The Islander for publication must contain the sender's name, address and phone number for verification.

However, you may request that your name not be published.

All three councilmen want their seats back

The Islander will definitely file a letter of intent to run for office, probably this week. "I'm being urged to try for a council seat by many people I respect who say they will support me," he said.

Deadline for announcing candidacy is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, which is followed by a 20-day grace period during which candidates can withdraw from the race. To qualify candidates must file petitions for nomination designating which seat they are running for and signed by at least 18 Sanibel elector-

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Visitor asks for reports of rare ivory-billed woodpeckers on Sanibel

A copy of the following letter to George Campbell and his reply to the same were given to The Islander for publication.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

I am writing to you as one who probably has as much current information as anyone on reports of rare birds sightings on Sanibel.

My sister-in-law, Dr. Carolyn Huntley, and her husband, Dr. Ben Huntley, recently spent several days on Sanibel and visited the Ding Darling preserve and the Sanibel Conservancy.

Dr. Carolyn Huntley, a careful and reliable bird-watcher, reports that they both saw an ivory-billed wood-

pecker. They were on the upper level of one of the observation platforms erected between two lakes (I am not sure which of the preserves they were in at the time).

Have you received any other reports of sightings of ivory-billed woodpeckers from Sanibel? I can understand that any such sightings should be widely publicized.

I will be grateful for your comments.

Sincerely yours,
William Joalin
Raleigh, N.C.

Dr. Carolyn Huntley is familiar with the P.S. Dr. Huntley is familiar with the pileated woodpecker and would not make the mistake of confusing it with an ivory-billed woodpecker.

...and Campbell's reply

Dear Mr. Joslin:

I have passed your letter to the editor of The Islander for publication to see if anyone has had an experience such as the one you describe.

The only comparatively recent confirmed ivory-billed woodpeckers are from Texas and South Carolina. A sub-species seems to still live in Cuba. River bottoms and areas with dead

and dying trees provide principle habitat. Lumbering has done in the species. Our barrier island habitat does not seem to me to fit the description, but we will publicize the sighting and see what eventuates.

Sincerely,
George Campbell
Sanibel

Reader adds to Campbell's list of lauded Spoonbill opponents

To the Editor
The Islander

Your issue of July 31 contained a letter from George Campbell congratulating the city government and various private individuals for the defeat of Spoonbill. This was fine as far as it went, but there was one glaring omission in it — the omission of the name that appeared only in the signature of the letter.

It should be publicly recognized that Sanibel owes a great debt to George Campbell for his central role in the defeat of Spoonbill. It was he who started the use of advertisements as the only real way of getting the facts

before the public, and who thus drew others into the battle. It was his advertisements that kept people informed of developments and consistently exposed false claims. And it was his work that produced a groundswell of opposition that strengthened the hand of the city officials in upholding the laws of Sanibel. There is, of course, no way to know what might have happened if he had not taken the lead, but I prefer not to think about it.

Sincerely,
Calvin Brown
Sanibel

Need more Islanders?

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AN EYE FOR THE ISLANDS

By Maggie Greenberg

Last week's column described an exhausting experience that everyone undergoes and somehow survives: moving day. Phase I involves packing and moving out of one residence, while Phase II involves unpacking and moving into another.

Since the old and new residences are often hundreds of miles apart, the "movers" generally have time in which to recover from the first ordeal and stir up their loins for the second.

However, when an Island friend and I recently moved just a few miles from east to west on Sanibel, we had to cope with Phases I and II almost simultaneously!

Since two different operations were involved, my friend opted to perch on her Army field stool at the old house for many hours in order to ensure that the A Team (i.e., the movers) packed everything in sight.

She played her role to such perfection that, several weeks later, we excavated the kinds of artifacts that delight archaeologists: the top of an old KitchenAid disposal and an ash tray filled with cigarette butts.

Alas, I played my own role with something considerably less than consummate skill.

All I had to do was be at the new house early in the morning in order to welcome a steady stream of installers of instant lawn, telephones, cable TV, etc. However, when Sod Man ordered me to water the new lawn continuously and move the sprinklers periodically, my inability to keep track of the precise location of all the installers invariably

resulted in pandemonium and profanity whenever I relocated the sprinklers.

Finally, an enormous van pulled up around noon and, for some unaccountable reason, the small army of installers beat a hasty retreat. I breathed a mighty sigh of relief, for surely the time had come when I could sun by the pool in the chaise longue, sip iced tea and occasionally wave an arm in the general direction of where the furniture should go.

Unfortunately, the next seven hours produced major changes in the script of that carefully planned scenario.

For the first few hours, all members of the A Team bombarded me with an extremely urgent question that grateful gestures from the chaise longue could never answer satisfactorily: "Whereja want this?" Thus, I became an obedient slave to "whereja want this" and trotted behind the men in a vain effort to wipe their copious sweat off the furniture and ensure that boxes marked for the master bedroom did not become a leaning tower of Pisa in the garage.

Having disposed of all my iced tea, Gatorade and ice cubes, the A Team ground to a halt and announced it was time for their lunch break. In their absence, however, I was instructed to unpack the seven imposing wardrobe cartons, two of which were jammed in a walk-in closet into which I could not possibly walk. Having unearthed no knives, I performed the necessary surgery with my car keys.

Following a veritable frenzy of activity on my part, the A Team returned with renewed vigor for

several more hours of "Whereja want this?" and its corollary, "Yagot somethintodrink?"

Fortunately, there comes a time when even a mammoth moving van has nothing more to disgorge. Thus, at 7:00 that evening the A Team suddenly abandoned us to our fate without leaving so much as a pocket Rosetta Stone to decipher the strange symbols on scores of cartons.

In a frantic effort to find things in which to prepare food, on which to put it, and with which to eat it, we ignored the many boxes that were not marked at all and concentrated solely upon those that were. Since "SHOSE" probably contained shoes, "BEDIND" could mean bedding, and "WALLS UNITE" might be a Pandora's box of revolutionary radicalism, we decided to examine the contents of 11 large cartons marked "KIT."

Unfortunately, it soon became apparent that a "KIT" carton might contain priceless antique English wine goblets, Bailey's styrofoam containers for sweaty beer cans, a lamp shade, objects d'art, or just about anything that had been within a 25-foot radius of the former kitchen.

On the very brink of starvation, I drove off to Hutter's for cooked carry-out. Alas, I did not find so much as a single scrawny chicken wing in the stainless-steel containers, just a few fried crumbs.

The sympathetic lady at the check-out counter was just as amazed as I. Indeed, she could not get over the fact that some men had come in so shortly

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

By Barbara Brundage

City will receive \$7,800 from IWA for Rabbit Road work

Island Water Association has agreed to contribute \$7,800 toward the reconstruction of Rabbit Road. The project is scheduled to begin later this year. Assistant City Manager Gary Price told the City Council last Tuesday the amount, approximately 1/20th of the \$176,000 project, is a reasonable settlement of damage to the pavement aggravated by IWA's installation of an eight-inch water main along Rabbit Road last year.

The council voted 4-0 to accept the contribution. Councilman Louise Johnson was absent. Price said the funds for the project, which is now in the design phase, are provided in the city's current budget.

"Because Rabbit Road is not in the major critical traffic pattern, the work was deferred until after the Periwinkle Way drainage project is completed," he said, adding that the later start will push the work into the winter season.

Price estimated it will take 60 days to complete the improvements, but one lane of the road that links West Gulf Drive and Sanibel-Captiva Road will be kept open for local traffic and residents will be

guaranteed access to their homes. Richard Donlin, president of the Rabbit Road Property Owners Association, told the council that since IWA installed the new main standing water has been a problem on his property even after a light rain. He blamed the flooding on IWA's failure to restore the easel.

Price said the planned Rabbit Road reconstruction includes drainage improvements that should solve Donlin's problem.

Price also complained that Rabbit Road has become a race track and speeding vehicles endanger lives of the increasing number of children living in the neighborhood.

He asked the council to consider reducing the speed limit to 25 mph and banning trucks, which he claimed are the biggest violators.

Mayor Fred Valtin told Donlin his suggestion could be discussed at another time as a separate agenda item.

Price said there is a device, similar to speed bumps, being used elsewhere as an incentive to slow down traffic. An ideal time to install them in the

Assistant City Manager Gary Price told the council the city needs an ordinance requiring long term bonds from utility companies to cover the cost of correcting any damage that might develop as a result of construction.

pavement would be during the reconstruction, he said.

Councilman Mike Klein commented that trenches dug by utility companies along the edges of the highway usually are not properly refilled and cause deterioration of the pavement. He inquired whether the city has any way to require these companies to compact the earth in these trenches.

Price said what is needed is an ordinance authorizing the city to issue utility permits and requiring long term bonds to cover the cost of correcting any damage from construction that might develop at a future date.

Valtin said he would encourage the staff to draft such an ordinance.

Assistant city attorney okayed for another year

Assistant City Attorney Jerry Stern will be retained for another year, the City Council decided last week.

Stern was hired last October on a one-year trial basis to work part time. The council created the position in an effort to avoid the necessity of hiring outside legal counsel.

The litigation load was lighter than expected this year, City Attorney David La Croix said last week. But Stern's assistance in giving day-to-day legal advice to the Code Enforcement Board, the Below Market Rate Housing program, the Historical Preservation Committee and the Sanibel Police Department has made it possible for La Croix to work on major projects with the council, Planning Commission and city department heads as well as pending litigation, he added.

In addition to eight lawsuits against the city already in the hopper, La Croix said he sees the possibility of several new ones being filed in the next year.

Ferry Landing is expected to file a suit this week protesting the city's denial of a permit for a dock in San Carlos Bay, he said. Also in the works are a suit by several property owners challenging the Rate of Growth ordinance, and another by the Ocean Reach Condominium Owners Association challenging the conditions of the council's approval of a reversion structure on the gulf beach to stop erosion.

La Croix recommended the council continue the assistant city attorney position for at least another year. "If at that time the litigation load has not significantly increased I would recommend doing away with the position," he said.

Stern works up to 20 hours a week for an annual salary of up to \$24,000.

Coming up at City Hall

A list of scheduled Sanibel City Council and Planning Commission meetings

Thursday, Aug. 16, MacKenzie Hall, 10 a.m. - Scheduled hearing before the Code Enforcement Board.

Tuesday, Aug. 21, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Regular meeting of the City Council.

Monday, Aug. 27, MacKenzie Hall, 9 a.m. - Regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

Melaleucas get the axe despite owners' plea to let the trees stand

Nineteen melaleuca trees standing near Rosemarie Meola's home on Palm Lake Drive will have to go, the City Council decided last week.

Frank Pavese, the Meolas' attorney, told the council that removal of the trees was a "harsh and inequitable" tradeoff for a 20-foot concrete walkway that was only a cosmetic improvement.

But despite his pleas the council voted 3-1 to deny the Meolas' request to let the trees remain. Their removal was a requirement of the development permit the Meolas obtained to extend their driveway.

Councilman Francis Bailey agreed with Pavese's assessment that the small piece of driveway was "too insignificant an improvement" to be called development. Bailey cast the dissenting vote. Councilman Louise Johnson was absent.

Bailey's earlier motion to give the Meolas five years to remove the melaleucas died for lack of a second.

The three other councilmen agreed that eradication of noxious plants such as Brazilian peppers and melaleucas and exotics has been an important goal of the city's land use plan since its inception in 1976.

"Their removal has been a requirement of permits for development since day one," Councilman Mike Klein emphasized.

A memo from Bill Patrie, the city's noxious plant control officer, classified the Meolas' melaleucas a "medium hazard" in terms of the city's control program priorities. "But the seed sources should be removed," Patrie advised.

K.C. Emerson, chairman of the city's Vegetation Committee, urged the council to hold the line and not retreat from strict enforcement of the melaleuca removal policy.

Pavese said it would ease the Meolas' pain over losing their trees if the trees could be removed at city expense under

the aegis of the city's melaleuca control program. But the council was reluctant to set a precedent by folding the Meolas' forced removal into the voluntary program.

Pavese said he had received an estimate that cutting down the trees would cost \$800 to \$900. Patrie said the job could be done for \$250 to \$450, and he volunteered to poison the stumps.

Councilman Bill Hagerup said, "It would be eroding the plan (CLUP) to permit the trees to remain because of a few hundred dollars."

Mayor Fred Valtin suggested that Pavese work with the city staff to arrange for the most economical removal of the trees.

Assistant City Manager Gary Price said the city would cooperate with the Meolas by poisoning the stumps after the trees are cut and providing replacement vegetation from the city plant nursery.

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Contract awarded for public boat ramp

If the weather cooperates the launching ramp should be ready for use long before the 90 days given Kelly Brothers, Inc., to complete the project.

Kelly Brothers, Inc., of Fort Myers will begin work Aug. 27 on the long-awaited public boat ramp on San Carlos Bay east of Causeway Road.

The contractor has 90 days to complete the project, but Assistant City Manager Gary Price said that if the weather cooperates it could be finished much sooner.

The \$76,896 launching facility is a joint venture of the city of Sanibel and Lee County. It is financed by

a state grant funded by boat registration fees. Last Tuesday the City Council unanimously approved an agreement with the county and Kelly Brothers for the construction.

The facility designed by Johnson Engineering will be built on city property. The design includes a two-lane launching ramp and a shell parking lot for 20 automobiles with boat trailers. Parking for an additional 20 cars will be available for the use of fishermen and shellers.

A one-way loop drive will provide access from Causeway Road about 700 feet from the entrance of the first Causeway bridge on the Sanibel side. Mounding and vegetation buffers will screen the facility from the road.

After its completion the city will be responsible for maintenance of the ramp, which will be minimal because of its low key character, Price said.

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MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Despite their indignation, councilmen vote to let Island Inn Road pool remain

Four city councilmen agreed that Bruce Genunzio's action in constructing a swimming pool and wooden deck at his home on Island Inn Road without city permits and defying work stop orders to finish it is the most flagrant and willful violation of city laws in council history.

The pool and deck exceed the impermeable surface coverage allowed on the site, and the pool and a fence encroach on the setbacks from Island Inn Road and Park Avenue.

Because the parcel does not conform to minimum lot standards the property is a lawfully existing use and cannot be added to.

Despite their righteous indignation three of the councilmen (Francis Bailey, Bill Hagerup and Mike Klein) last Tuesday relented and voted to approve a specific amendment that will permit expansion of a lawfully

existing use and pave the way for Genunzio to bring the illegal structure into compliance with all performance standards of the land use plan.

The only alternative would be to require Genunzio to tear out the pool he said he had borrowed \$12,000 to build.

Mayor Fred Valtin, noting that he usually acted with compassion, said because the violations were done flagrantly and knowingly he could not support the compromise. "The real problem is the post facto development without permits," he said.

Councilman Louise Johnson was absent last week, but at an earlier hearing she suggested the time had come for the council to get tough and require Genunzio to take out his pool.

Councilman Mike Klein pointed out there was nothing to be gained by being vindictive.

The only alternative would have been forcing Bruce Genunzio to remove the above-ground pool he said he borrowed \$12,000 to build.

Councilman Francis Bailey proposed the compromise giving Genunzio an opportunity to bring the structure into compliance with all standards.

Genunzio told the council he had a contract to buy an adjacent lot that would bring the coverage of permeable surface to under 25 percent. He said the above-ground fiberglass pool could be angled and some of the decking removed to correct the setback encroachments.

He acknowledged that he had been wrong to proceed with the construction without the proper city permits.

One sign variance granted; second request withdrawn

The City Council last week granted James Boon a variance to the Graphics ordinance to permit a sign for Boon's new Thai restaurant to be situated within the 50-foot right-of-way on Periwinkle Way.

Boon recently dedicated an additional 25-foot easement to the city as a condition of his development permit to convert an existing restaurant on the property to a 50-seat restaurant.

The council in the past has granted variances under similar circumstances to allow signs in rights-of-way when placing them behind the new property line would reduce the visibility.

Boon's sign will be two feet behind the original front property line and 21 feet from the centerline of Periwinkle

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Council okays boat davit, deck in Sanibel Harbors subdivision

James Keller got the green light from the City Council last Tuesday to construct a wooden deck and a boat davit on the seawall on the bay at his home in Sanibel Harbors subdivision.

The deck increases the impermeable coverage of the site to 31.2 percent (30 percent is permitted), but the planning staff said the structure would not

significantly alter vegetation or drainage.

The staff had recommended denial of installation on the bay beach seawall on the basis that the seawall is vulnerable to destruction by storm action as well as by natural beach dynamics.

The Planning Commission recommended council approval of the specific amendments required.

Keller told the council at the final hearing the davit would keep his sailboat out of the water to keep the hull free of barnacles when not in use.

There were no objections to the davit from the neighbors.

None of the four councilmen present had a problem with Keller's proposal.

MUNICIPAL RECORDS

Quattlebaum obtains density increase for property next to West Wind Inn

Dr. Frank Quattlebaum has won his battle for an increase in density from 1.5 to 2.2 units per acre on his residential property on West Gulf Drive.

Quattlebaum finally persuaded the City Council last Tuesday that it was "reasonable and compatible" for his 1.63-acre lot to serve as a transitional zone between the resort housing zone to the east, which has a density of five units per acre, and the single-family zone to the west, which has a density of one unit per acre.

The council voted 3-1, with Councilman Mike Klein dissenting and Councilman Louise Johnson absent, to approve a specific amendment that will permit Quattlebaum to build two duplexes on the property just west of the West Wind Inn.

Quattlebaum was allowed to retain the 1.5 units per acre density last year when the density on single-family lots along the golf from West Wind Inn was reduced to one unit per acre. That was allowed

in order to make good on promises city officials made to Quattlebaum in 1978, when the zoning on his lot was changed from commercial to residential upon adoption of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Under the 1.5 number Quattlebaum was entitled to one housing unit; under the 2.2 designation four will be permitted.

In earlier hearings before the Planning Commission and the council Quattlebaum had argued that the residential value of his property was further eroded when West Wind Inn was permitted to open a restaurant and bar to a building only a few feet from his property line.

At the July 3 council hearing of his request for a density increase it was consensus of the three members present that it would be equitable to allow at "at least three units." Mayor Fred Valtin said he could even support the four units requested.

Councilman Bill Hagerup recalled last Tuesday.

But Klein, who was absent on July 3, said he had interpreted the minutes differently. "I read it as a consensus for no more than three, and I'm bringing something different today," he said when Valtin made the motion to allow two duplexes. Hagerup seconded that motion.

Klein protested that it was "irregular procedure" to consider motions in a descending order and asked that a motion for three units be voted on first.

But Planning Commission Chairman Larry Simon defended Valtin's position as proper and pointed out that the commission follows that route when voting on Rate of Growth allocations.

Hagerup would not withdraw his second, and the motion passed 3-1 with Valtin, Hagerup and Councilman Francis Bailey in favor.

One sign variance granted continued

The council approved by a 4-0 vote a resolution implementing the variance with the condition that in the event the city ever needs to use the right-of-way the sign will be removed at the applicant's expense.

At last Tuesday's meeting Stanley Johnson, owner of Priscilla Murphy Center on Periwinkle Way, withdrew his request for a sign variance after the council suggested he didn't really need one.

Under the Graphics ordinance a 40-square-foot, ground mounted sign, and individual businesses are allowed one sign each attached to the buildings.

The center now has a 20-square-foot ground mounted sign. But since the center is now under condominium ownership, Johnson proposed to waive the shopping center status "forever" and replace the wall mounted signs with three 20-square-foot ground mounted signs, one for each of the

existing businesses. The signs would be more visible from the street.

Councilman Mike Klein said that since the buildings are so close to the road visibility should not be a problem.

It was council consensus that three signs would be too many. A 40-square-foot sign to identify the shopping center with five items of information is permitted under the ordinance and would accomplish Johnson's purpose, the council suggested.

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All information in the following reports was taken directly from Sanibel Police Department records.

Police advised four visiting teenagers about the city's law prohibiting fireworks after the teens were found shooting off fireworks on the beach along West Gulf Drive

around 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 2. Police confiscated the fireworks.

A Miami man was charged with grand theft after he admitted he took a golf cart from Shell Island Beach Club late Friday afternoon, Aug. 3. Police found Gregory Vinton Popadak, 27, driving the cart down Periwinkle Way. He told police he was going to get cigarettes.

A Hialeah, Fla., man told police a boater had picked up his inflatable raft after it broke away from a piling at the public fishing pier Friday afternoon, Aug. 3. The boat that picked up the raft and left San Carlos Bay was described as white with a red stripe and a bimini top.

A Sanibel woman was charged with careless driving after police stopped her on Periwinkle Way around 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. Lesia Ann Stokall, 24, of 1653 Bunting Lane was charged.

Police are investigating the theft of \$581 in cash from a car that was parked at the Lighthouse fishing pier Saturday evening, Aug. 4. There was \$50 in \$10 and \$20 bills and \$1 in coins.

A Sanibel woman reported her red girl's 10-speed bicycle was taken from behind the Burger Emporium restaurant Saturday evening, Aug. 4. Value of the bike was unknown.

A West Gulf Drive resident alerted police that an alligator was in the roadway near his house Saturday evening, Aug. 4. Enroute to the scene police saw naturalist George Campbell and told him about the complaint. Campbell went to the scene and, with the complainant's permission, moved the alligator to the complainant's garage. He returned later to remove the gator to more suitable surroundings.

Police determined at least eight birds had been killed on the Causeway during the few days preceding Sunday, Aug. 5. They were alerted to the nesting site by a concerned Sanibel resident who had seen a car hit a low-flying bird. Lee County Sheriff's Office deputies were notified to be on the alert for speeding drivers in the area.

Police received a bale of marijuana that a Sanibel man hooked 26 miles out

in the Gulf of Mexico early Sunday evening, Aug. 5. The bale was burned after it dried out.

A Fort Myers man reported two chain saws and a tool box full of various tools had been stolen from a truck that was parked at the Sea Spray subdivision construction site off Sanibel Captiva Road sometime between 4 p.m. Aug. 4 and 6 p.m. Aug. 5. The missing items were valued at \$1,200.

A Sanibel woman reported she had lost a gold bracelet with a tiger eye stone Monday morning, Aug. 6. The bracelet was valued at \$500.

A complainant who refused to give her name told police a tall white male, 29-30 years old, with curly brown hair had exposed himself to her on the beach along West Gulf Drive just after noon Monday, Aug. 6. That evening another resident reported a tall, thin white male with dark hair and a light complexion had exposed himself to her on the West Gulf Drive beach near Rabbit Road.

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Police beat continued

Police arrested an Altamonte Springs, Fla., man for prostitution after he approached a plain-clothes police officer in the restroom at the Lighthouse around 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7. Ronald Cohen, 44, of 725 N. Lake Road, Altamonte Springs was charged. Police were alerted to the scene by a resident who complained about explicit writing on the restroom walls.

A Punta Rassa man told police a hitchhiker had stolen his truck from McT's parking lot around 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7. The man said he had picked up the hitchhiker in Tennessee and driven him to Florida. He left the hitchhiker in his truck, with the keys, while he went into McT's from 8 to 7 p.m.

Police were notified later that night that the truck had been abandoned on I-75 between Daniels Road and Colonial Boulevard after it had been wrapped around a tree.

A Fort Myers woman reported a blue denim jacket and a pair of black leather gloves were missing from Jerry's Shopping Center early Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 8. The items were valued at \$55.

Police are continuing their investigation of the theft of two tables, a green garbage can and a red and white life ring from the pool area at Gulf Ridge subdivision. The theft was reported Thursday morning, Aug. 9. The items were valued at \$99.

A West Gulf Drive resident reported his bicycle was missing from Tahitian Garden shopping center Thursday afternoon, Aug. 9. The silver Boss Cruiser was valued at \$89.

Sanibel police issued 19 speeding tickets to drivers on the island during the week that ended Friday afternoon, Aug. 10.

Rotarians hear from new members

Two of the newest members of the Sanibel Captiva Rotary Club addressed the club at the regular breakfast meeting Friday, Aug. 10.

Dan Martin was inducted into the club in February. He is a former member of the Naples, N.Y., Rotary Club, where he served on the board of directors at Camp Onseyana for handicapped children.

Martin also served on the Naples, N.Y., Zoning Board of Appeals, was a member of the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Tourist and Convention Committee.

A certified property manager, Martin is director of property management for Marquis. He is president-elect and a member of the board of directors of the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club.

George Parker came to the island club in April. He was born and raised in France and attended college in Los Angeles, Calif.

He worked as a carpenter and became a general contractor in California before moving to Davenport, Iowa, in 1975 to start his own construction company. He was a builder and developer for eight years in Davenport before moving to Captiva.

Besides being active in the Island club, Parker is co-chairman of the ABC Sale for the Captiva Civic Association.

New members inducted last week are Charles Wolback, a retired chemical engineer, and Steve Stephanides, a self-employed commercial land investor and developer from Canada.

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Dudley Richardson was appointed acting Lighthouse keeper on Aug. 16, 1884, and on Aug. 20 he and his assistant, John Johnson, climbed the 127 steps of the spiral stairway to the iron watchroom and lit the wick of the lantern for the first time.

The powerful French-built lens flashed its beacon into the dark night. Passing ships finally had a guide in their journeys.

The oil-powered lamp required constant attention by the light keepers, who daily carried five-gallon cans of kerosene up the spiral staircase, replenished the fuel and lit the wick by dusk.

Each morning the keeper put out the flames, trimmed the wick, polished the lens that consisted of seven prisms, wound the clockworks that kept the light flashing and drew curtains around the prisms to protect them from the damaging rays of the sun.

This daily ritual was carried out until the early 1940s, when the light was converted to acetylene gas with a sun valve that utilizes the rays of the sun to turn the beam on and off.

In 1882 Henry Shanahan took over as Lighthouse keeper and received \$40 annually for his services. By this time there were five families on the island, and the Lighthouse was fast becoming the social center of Sanibel.

Shanahan married an island widow, Irene Rutland, and together they raised their combined families of 33 at the Lighthouse.

For 25 years Shanahan tended the Lighthouse with the help of the older boys of the family. His stepson, Clarence Rutland, became assistant keeper in the 1920s and was well qualified to perform the duties.

Erosion has taken its toll at Lighthouse Point. Originally a quarter of a mile of land buffered the property and stretched eastward toward Fort Myers Beach. The land was a popular site for Sunday ballgames and picnics.

The Sanibel Tomato Pickers, as they called themselves, frequently hosted teams from Fort Myers. In 1919 the Sanibel team became the champions of baseball in the Caloosahatchee Valley.

Captiva's oldest resident, Bellon Johnson, came to the Islands in 1901. He remembers the Lighthouse for its good fishing around the point and for the annual Fourth of July barbecues held there.

"The Lighthouse at night was visible as far away as Big Hickory Pass," Johnson remembers today. "I've been up in the tower many times, and I knew a few of the lightkeepers. Those lightkeepers were wonderful people."

"Lots of people would go to the Lighthouse during a hurricane," he adds. One hurricane — and I don't remember which one — the water was up to the porch. I remember seeing Uncle Joe Wightman cast his net for mullet from the porch of one of the Lighthouse cottages."

Wightman, also a resident of Captiva, remembers the good mullet fishing from the porch. Only a few years earlier, in the 1920s, he played baseball rear that very spot.

Broward Keene was assistant Lighthouse keeper from 1942-44. He weathered the 1944 hurricane, the said to be one of the fiercest of the century, inside the Lighthouse with a group of about 20 people.

A lifelong resident of the Gulf coast, Keene now lives in a trailer park just off the island with his wife, Marie.

"Everyone considered the Lighthouse the safest place on the island," he says. A Cuban fishing vessel with 11 men dropped anchor in the bay and sought refuge at the Lighthouse cottages along with several islanders, including the Jake Stokes and the O.O. Murphy families.

"The Cubans came late in the afternoon seeking refuge at the Lighthouse," Keene remembers. "They had a guitar or two and they were playing and singing. The wind was a blowin' out of the northeast and blew the water 100 yards out into the gulf. It was bone dry. By nightfall the wind switched and came from the south."

As water began lapping up under the plings of the cottages, Keene became a little uneasy. "I could feel the house sway. If you would have fallen out, that would have been the end."

"We crawled out the door in the middle of the night and went into the tower. We weathered it out right there through the night."

The sounds inside the Lighthouse were deafening. "There was just a roar. You couldn't hardly hear anything. It was an awful sound — like Niagara Falls. I was scared."

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When life gives you lemons...

New car owner finds making lemonade is easier said than done

By Barbara Brundage

Florida's Motor Vehicle Warranty Enforcement Act, dubbed the "Lemon Aid" bill, might not be the panacea for car owners whose sweet deal turns sour.

Just Ask Kathy Lynch, a 23-year-old Sanibel resident whose 1984 S-10 Chevrolet Blazer has been in the shop for repairs 40 days of the seven months she's owned it.

A long-time dream became a reality when Lynch bought the Blazer last Jan. 10. She cried for joy when it was delivered, she said recently.

Now, after months of trying to deal with 15 mechanical problems with her brand new car, she weeps from frustration.

The new car warranty act was passed by the state Legislature in April to clarify the "Lemon Law" that was enacted last year to protect new car buyers.

Under terms of the law, if the dealer from whom the car was purchased has tried three times to repair the same mechanical problem, or if the car has been in the shop for 15 working days for a variety of reasons and is still not fixed, then the owner can notify the manufacturer, who has one more chance to correct the problem.

The Blazer has made five trips to the repair shop behind a tow truck.

Lynch, as a new car owner, is more than qualified to fill this requirement.

"She has 24 separate work orders from the service departments of two General Motors automobile dealers covering the repairs made to her Blazer."

"She had owned the Blazer only 16 days when the alternator malfunctioned and the car had to be towed to a Fort Myers Chevrolet dealer to be repaired. The same problem has recurred twice since, she said.

"The vehicle has been in the shop four times for wheel alignment, five times to balance the tires, two times to adjust the timing, two times to adjust the choke, two times to repair oil leaks, four times for problems with the automatic transmission, and one time each when the battery was dead, fuses blew, the brakes locked, the air conditioner seat broke letting the front leak out, the parking brake malfunctioned and the turn signal fell off.

"In addition, Lynch said, the windshield was scratched by defective wiper blades, rust spots have developed on the outer body and the trim is coming loose.

Five of these mechanical problems required the Blazer be towed to the shop for repairs, she said.

On May 12 Lynch wrote the Chevrolet Motor Division in Warren, Mich., listing all the mechanical problems and notified them that she intended to follow the recourse offered by Florida law and file for an arbitration hearing.

Under the law the manufacturer has 45 days to correct the problems. If the manufacturer fails to do this, then the owner is entitled to either a new car or a refund of the purchase price less a 20-cent-per-mile allowance for the use of the car.

Lynch wants General Motors to replace her "non-conforming vehicle" with a new Blazer.

"But the catch is," she pointed out, "General Motors has an arbitration program to handle customer complaints that requires a hearing before an arbitration board."

The Better Business Bureau coordinates the arbitration for GM and makes the final choice of the arbitrator judge, Lynch said.

According to Consumer Reports most arbitrators are ordinary people who volunteer to serve after hearing about the program. The hearing has to be held within 60 days after the BBB receives the consumer's request for arbitration.

Lynch's hearing, set for Aug. 21, does not comply with this deadline. She explained that a hearing could have been scheduled at an earlier date in Miami, but she was afraid to drive the Blazer that distance. BBB delayed the hearing until an arbitrator was available in Naples.

At the hearing GM will be represented by someone from its zone office in Jacksonville. Lynch can take anyone who can help support her claims.

She intends to have a legal representative with her.

The arbitrator will question both sides to try to determine his facts. The verdict must be handed down within 10 days after the hearing, Lynch has learned.

She has done her homework and in addition to repair bills has kept a diary, ledger, accounting routine maintenance, gas mileage and circumstances of each incident when the Blazer developed problems.

Lynch, who works in a condominium cleaning business with her mother, had dreamed for two years of one day owning a Blazer.

"\$12,000 is a lot of money, but I finally decided it would be worth it," she said. "If I could have \$3,000 my mom said she would co-sign a loan to buy a new car."

"That day arrived and last September while on vacation in Massachusetts Lynch began the search for the best deal. Her search ended in Punta Gorda

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after price comparison shopping all the Chevrolet dealers in Southwest Florida, Lynch said.

For \$10,685 Lynch could own a new gleaming white 1984 S-10 Blazer, ordered especially for her — a stripped down model with 2-wheel drive instead of the standard 4-wheel, automatic 4-speed overdrive, automatic transmission, air conditioner, power steering and a V-6 motor.

The deal was made sweeter by the fact that the price was \$1,000 lower than any other offer she had, Lynch confided.

The Blazer was delivered on Jan. 10. "I cried when I saw it. It was so beautiful," she recalled this week. "For two weeks I was on Cloud Nine, showing off my pride and joy to all my friends sour."

"Then on the 18th day my dream turned sour."

Lynch stopped keeping track of income just because she didn't have her own transportation when the figure reached \$1,000.

But more devastating is the loss of confidence in the safety of her Blazer, she said.

"I'm really afraid to drive any distance. Some of the mechanical problems, such as the brakes freezing, are life endangering not only to me but other people," she added.

Lynch said she dreads the arbitration hearing. "All I can do is tell the truth."

According to Consumer Reports, if the consumer feels the procedure used was faulty the decision can be appealed to the BBB, which can throw out the arbitrator's decision and reschedule another hearing.

Or the consumer can take the claim against GM to court.

But Lynch hopes right will triumph and the little guy will win.

The Sanibel Lighthouse: 100 years continued

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Freelance photographer David Meardon used a double exposure for the "Moon Over the Lighthouse" photo on the facing page. The photo framed by the Australian pine branches is an infrared photo.

people to watch Queen Elizabeth's coronation. It was really noisy," says long-time Sanibel resident Alan Nave.

During the 1950s the American Legion continued to hold Fourth of July picnics at the Lighthouse. The historic landmark was still a social center of the islands.

From 1950-1982 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service leased one of the houses as headquarters for the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. Charles LeBuff, who joined Fish and Wildlife as biological technician in December 1953, moved into the east cottage shortly thereafter and with his wife, Jean, raised two children, Charles Jr. and Leslie, over the next 22 years.

"In 1958 our rent was \$9 a month. We paid our own electric and drank cistern water until 1963," LeBuff remembers.

The family left the island during Hurricane Donna in 1960. When they returned it was five weeks before power was restored. "If we hadn't had cisterns, we would have been up the creek," LeBuff says.

LeBuff also conducted his loggerhead turtle research from the grounds of the Lighthouse. His pet poody would alert him to a nesting turtle by barking.

"They were good years," he says. "I've watched moonshots and fireworks from the Lighthouse. I've been through one storm when lightning hit the Lighthouse 22 times. The house felt like it was going to fall off its pilings."

The Lighthouse was converted to electricity in 1922, and soon after a mercury switch failed, leaving it dark for a week and breaking its 78-year record of perfect operation.

By 1972 the Coast Guard was considering turning off the historic beacon unless its usefulness could be substantiated. This was accomplished at a public hearing, and the light continued to shine, albeit erratically.

The French lens had been replaced, but some of the original glass enclosure remained. Yet the light was frequently out of commission during the summer of 1973. In 1974 the Lighthouse and keepers' quarters were officially listed on the National Register for Historic Places.

Today the Lighthouse beacon shines faithfully from dusk to dawn. The Coast Guard still maintains the light, and the cottages are leased to the city of Sanibel, which in turn rents them to city employees who are responsible for their upkeep.

While it is no longer the social hub it once was — the island family is too big today to experience the same social cohesiveness — the Lighthouse remains a symbol of the pioneering days of Sanibel. And over the past century it has served seafarers well and is still a landmark that entices many to explore those enchanted islands.

Price appointed new Sanibel city manager from page 1

goals we have... such as protecting cabbage palms and gopher tortoises," Klein said.

Councilman Bill Hagerup agreed, adding, "Bernie has whipped the city into shape and Gary has been a part of it all along."

Councilman Francis Bailey said he had "no real disagreement."

Mayor Fred Valtin said, "Gary is a known quantity... fully aware of the dynamics of the community."

"But the decisive factor was Bernie's unqualified statement that Gary is ready to assume the responsibility of the city managership," Valtin said.

Councilman Louise Johnson was not present. But Murphy said she had told him that although she would prefer the more formalized process of advertising to fill the job, she would accept the decision if the majority of the council supported Price's appointment.

After advertising the selection process would have entailed money and a lot of everybody's time, Valtin said, pointing out that as assistant city manager Price would have acted as manager during that

period.

Bailey made the motion to offer Price the job but emphasized that "it is only because of his qualifications and not to get out of a long, arduous process."

"I hope I can meet your expectations. I'll do my best," Price said after the 4-0 vote on the motion.

Valtin with Murphy and City Attorney David La Croix will negotiate terms of a contract with Price.

Price has served as assistant city manager and public works director for more than five years and told *The Islander* he is "ready for more responsibility."

"I equate the council's action with keeping an old car that you know what the problems are versus buying a brand new one with unknown qualities," he said.

Price came to the city in 1978 as public services director when Bill Nungesser was city manager. Within a year he had taken on the joint responsibility of assistant city manager and public works director.

The Indiana native grew up in St. Petersburg, Fla.



Gary Price outside Sanibel City Hall.

He graduated in 1970 from the University of South Florida with a degree in psychology. While working as Hillsborough County zoning administrator he earned a master's of science degree in urban

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Pirate Playhouse changes hands again from page 1

two produced, directed and acted in the productions themselves and cast other roles from a nucleus of amateur actors on the island.

The 1983 season was cancelled after Phillip's sudden death from a heart attack on Christmas Day.

The stage was set for the continued use of the former schoolhouse as a repertory theater in January 1983, when the city rezoned 50,500 square feet of the property fronting on Periwinkle Way from residential to a Special Use District. The rezoning zoning was retained on the 29,500 square feet remaining at the rear of the property. Four single-family dwelling units are permitted there.

The special use designation allows the owner of the property to build a new 130-seat theater and keep the original 2,000-square-foot playhouse, which is identified as an historical site in Sanibel's land use plan, for use as a theatrical museum or an art center.

One condition of City Council approval of the special use district was that if a development permit for the new theater building is not applied for within three years (January 1986) the parcel will revert to residential use.

Holtz said the new owner has indicated future use of the property would utilize the rights and conditions of the rezoning.

How this new development will affect Carrie Lund's plans to establish a community theater to "reflect the character of the island" is not known at this time.

Lund, a professional actress and an organizer of summer theaters in resort areas in New England and in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she lives, could not be reached for comment.

Currently she is waiting in the wings for a council decision on her request to operate a 160-seat community theater in Bailey's old store building on the bay off Bailey Road. The final hearing on a specific

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Price appointed new Sanibel city manager continued.

management of USF. Price recently built a new home in East Rocks and Bailey made the motion to accept the resignation of Murphy in leaving Sanibel to return to his native New England. In his letter of resignation he said his 4 1/2 year tenure "has been professionally and per-

sonally rewarding." He thanked the council for the "honor and privilege of being your city manager."

Valtin called the question "with a heavy heart." It has been the practice in the past to give city

employees who leave late in the year a proportionate share of the staff Christmas bonus (1 percent of annual salary), Valtin said. But to show their appreciation the council voted to give Murphy the entire amount rather than the nine-twelfths (\$400) he was due under the formula.

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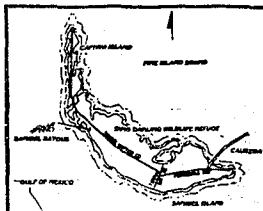
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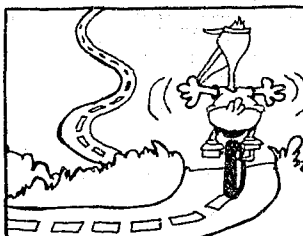
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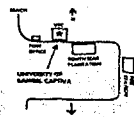
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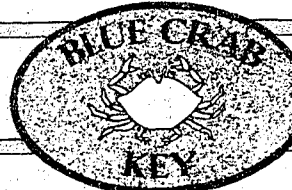
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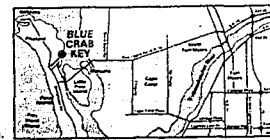
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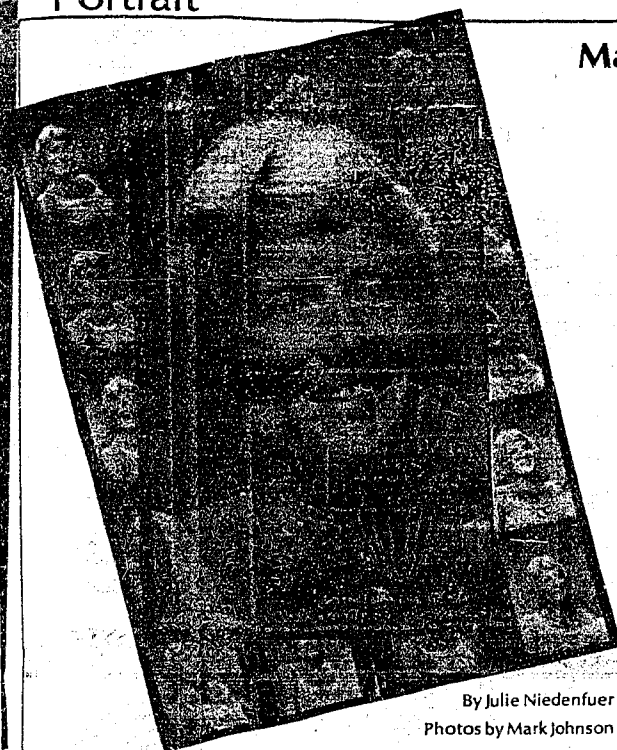
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Madge Amoroso

- Age: "41 plus tax"
- Roots: Reading, Pennsylvania
- Pleasures: "Hanging around the beach and the bay. Going exploring."
- Last book read: Life Extensions by Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw
- Mentors: "My incredible mother. However, I've learned something from everybody I've ever met."
- Pet Peeve: "Litter — along the beaches especially. The bay gets junked up and I can't stand that."
- Wish: "That Sanibel would win an award for having the most fit populous in the U.S."
- Words of Wisdom: "The more energy you have the more you spend. In other words, move it or lose it."

By Julie Niedenfuer
Photos by Mark Johnson

Janet Fonda has nothing on this lady. At 41 Madge Amoroso is in better condition than most people half her age.

"As you become older your metabolism slows down — and people slow down," she explains. Exercise, she says, gives people the edge they need in the battle against aging. And she doesn't just preach it — she practices it every day.

Whether she's instructing a vigorous dance class, swimming or just exploring the island's beaches, Amoroso goes through life with a vivacity that proves one of her favorite aphorisms: "The more energy you spend, the more you have."

And when she goes to work in the morning she takes that attitude with her. Working 10 to 12 hours every day ("With no breaks in almost two years," she adds), Amoroso divides her time between her two exercise studios — the Sanibel Fitness Center and Studio VII in Fort Myers.

A typical day includes leading up to five aerobics and rhythmic exercise classes, devising and assisting students with weightlifting programs, as well as seeing to the administrative duties involved with running the centers.

And as if that weren't enough, Amoroso must still oversee the business of running five studios she owns in Pennsylvania.

Her favorite aspect of the business is leading the aerobics sessions. "Teaching the classes sure beats working," she laughs. But she admits there are drawbacks. "I love the trees, water, nature, and of course, the birds. I don't have as much spare time as I'd like to enjoy those things," she says.

After all, those qualities are what lured her to Sanibel two years ago.

She had lived in Pennsylvania all her life but really had longed for the more tropical climes of Florida since she was very young. She always loved the water and made occasional trips to the ocean, but, she says, "The best I could do was the Jersey shore."

"In August of '82 I was coming home from the shore and suddenly I knew I wouldn't see the water for eight or nine months. I turned to my companion and said, 'I'm moving to Florida.'"

Exercise has always been a big part of Amoroso's life. As a youngster she was a fanatic about swimming. Later she took physical fitness more seriously and pursued her master's degree in health and phys-ed from Temple University in Philadelphia.

During the 15-year teaching career that followed, Amoroso instructed school children of all ages in the fine — and fun — points of physical education, always attempting to throw a little rhythmic exercise in with the usual school sports.

In 1979 she opened her first studio. The success that followed can perhaps, in part, be attributed to the current nationwide obsession with getting in shape, but not to that reason alone.

Amoroso's classes are tailored to fit almost any individual and her experience is something a lot of other instructors lack. "Teachers should have a strong understanding of exercise physiology — how the body moves, works and performs."

"People don't need a certificate to teach (aerobics and exercise) — yet you need a license to curl people's hair," she adds. "It's pathetic."

Becoming part of a group exercise program provides a lot of people the incentive they need to stick with it and work out regularly, Amoroso believes. And the monetary commitment doesn't hurt either. "They feel, 'Well, I paid for it — I'm gonna get my buns in there,'" she says.

One of the nicest things about her job, she says, is seeing her students realize a change in their bodies. "That's the greatest part — the ones who tell me how much better they feel than when they first came in. They're so proud of themselves, as well they should be."

Amoroso thinks exercise should be a part of everyone's lives, and she believes aerobics is a good alternative for people who want cardiovascular conditioning but don't like running. ("Personally, I could never get into that," she says.)

But whatever activity a person selects, Amoroso recommends it be one he or she finds enjoyable. "You've got to believe exercise is going to help you, then explore the avenues that are open to you and find one you like."

And as for trendy work-out clothes — they don't bother Amoroso a bit. "People like to look good. If the clothes inspire you to work harder, then go ahead!"

Another trend, break dancing, has recently been added to the variety of classes offered at her two Florida studios. "It's a super activity. Some steps take a great deal of skill. And callouses!" she adds.

But whether it's spinning around on your shoulders in front of an enthusiastic crowd or dancing in your living room with the curtains drawn, the important thing, she says, is to stop talking about it and do it.

Too many people, especially those who are older, mistakenly believe their physical condition is beyond help. "But I've had ladies in their 60s!" she says. "You just have to start out very slowly."

And she points out there's a bonus that comes with improving the shape of your body: In most cases you experience positive changes in your mental condition as well.

She recalls a period of time when her own self image was at a low point. "I was pregnant with my second child and I had really let myself go to pot. But within three months (after the child was born) I lost 56 pounds."

How did she accomplish such a feat? "I worked out like a fool and I lived on carrots and celery." And the will power came from within. "I couldn't stand the way I felt and the way I looked. That was motivation enough."

Nowadays, her diet regime is more moderate. "I try to eat properly but I still have to monitor myself. I try to do the 'fish and chicken bit' a lot, but I'm not a fanatic."

She adds with a grin, "I could go on a chocolate binge from now until the end of next week."

"You can exercise 'til you're blue in the face but you're not going to lose weight unless you burn more calories than you take in. There is no easy way — like the body wrap!" she scoffs.

"Let's face it — If you could buy a gorgeous body, or if there were an easy way to have a gorgeous body, Elizabeth Taylor would have a gorgeous body. "But she loves to eat."

How dissects county property appraiser's annual report

By Paul Howe

One often hears Islanders express the opinion that they are being shafted by Lee County when it comes to sharing its ad valorem real property tax load. The Island contributed 45 percent of the county's total revenues for the current 1983-84 fiscal year. To a certain extent Islanders' opinion can be documented by the Lee County property appraiser's well-prepared July 1 annual report to Tallahassee.

The report digests the results of the property appraiser's continuing efforts to produce a complete and professional appraisal of the "just" value of the county's real and personal property and the value of new construction.

The County Commission approved the report July 13 and is using it in its budget considerations. Those efforts will result in the establishment of an ad valorem total property tax millage rate.

That millage rate will then be applied to the "taxable value," which is the "just value" minus the allowed "exemptions" and a 3 percent shrinkage factor for the budgetary target for the ad valorem property tax share of the needed total revenue. That procedure is followed by the governing bodies of the county, its three cities and the myriad of special

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Taxation exemption	\$ 1,584,343,140	48	\$ 380,773,670	16	\$ 396,714,720	15	\$ 97,339,280	2	\$ 2,761,410,380	38
"Taxable value" (For millage base)	\$ 3,300,391,875	62	\$ 1,409,961,770	19	\$ 593,531,680	9	\$ 769,907,090	10	\$ 6,682,642,645	70
Number of tax parcels	770,293	99	179,494	33	12,714	4	8,327	2	271,435	100
Average "just" value per parcel	27,452		12,397		74,938		90,101		25,924	
Average "taxable" value per parcel	20,290		10,657		31,427		92,990		19,819	
Average exemption percentage	7.263		3.943		37.431		7.211		6.775	
Land acreage	471,144	81.1	48,340	13.2	9,797	3.9	13,624	2.7	512,920	100
Population	147,072	46.8	41,451	14.3	28,820	15.3	4,627	1.8	222,970	100

How dissects property appraiser's report continued

districts that serve the county's 254,000 residents.

The county tax collector sends each taxpayer a single bill based on the values and rates determined at the budget approval sessions of the several governing bodies. A breakdown of the combined tax owed is furnished on the bill for: the school district, the county, the city, a lump sum for all other applicable special districts, and the amount of disallowed Homestead Exemption for those special districts.

The property appraiser thoughtfully furnished to

me a copy of his above-mentioned 11 page report. To aid in analyzing it, I prepared the accompanying columnar digest of its salient features. It deals solely with the real property aspects of the tax since that is the primary concern of homeowners, particularly newcomers.

Note especially the data on tax exemptions. That state Legislature's "stick of candy" lops off almost a quarter of the just (or gross) property value, which is lost to the tax collector. To compensate for that loss the local governing bodies regrettably must

increase their millage rates toward the limits imposed by the Legislature.

It seems to me that it would be cheaper and more equitable for us taxpayers if all constitutional and statutory ad valorem property tax exemptions were abolished. Thus every property owner would be asked to pay his fair share of the total tax load. That kind of sharing would invoke the time-honored axiom: "Many hands make light work." Those in

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GENERAL TYPE	UNINCORPORATED COUNTY AREA		CITY OF CAPE CORAL		CITY OF FORT MYERS		CITY OF SANIBEL		TOTAL COUNTY	
	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent	Dollars	Percent
1. Agricultural	\$ 204,714,000	6.2	\$ 2,820,000	0.2	\$ 463,270	0.1	\$ 29,420	0.0	\$ 208,026,790	6.2
2. Renewable energy sources	284,790	0.0	275,230	0.0	26,860	0.0	10,250	0.0	597,130	0.0
3. Governmental	225,877,130	6.9	48,292,220	1.4	114,140,420	3.4	21,473,260	0.6	\$ 409,783,130	12.1
4. Widows	2,044,520	0.0	641,000	0.0	457,000	0.0	35,800	0.0	2,778,320	0.0
5. Personal disabilities	26,774,000	0.8	6,546,220	0.2	2,732,720	0.0	2,190,910	0.0	\$ 38,243,850	1.1
6. Institutional	71,041,250	2.1	12,794,920	0.4	38,898,820	1.1	4,843,440	0.1	\$ 127,578,430	3.7
7. Homestead	919,764,340	27.8	211,581,940	6.3	139,981,520	4.1	30,554,120	0.9	\$ 1,301,881,920	39.1
Totals	\$ 3,300,391,875	62	\$ 1,409,961,770	19	\$ 593,531,680	9	\$ 769,907,090	10	\$ 6,682,642,645	70

Sources of data: County Property Appraiser's Annual Report for 1984; Population and Acreage from County Information Division for 1984.

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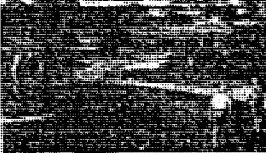

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Pirate Playhouse changes hands again from page 15A

amendment to rezone the eight-acre site to Special Use District is scheduled for the Sept. 4 council meeting.

Lund has told the city she discussed with Farquharson using the Pirate Playhouse but found it financially not feasible. And to construct a new building for that purpose was beyond her means, she said.

Lund said a site such as Bailey's store, which is remote from the island's commercial area, is more desirable for the low key theater she plans.

On July 23 the Planning Commission split 2-2 on a recommendation that the council approve the zoning change. Among concerns expressed were that the cost of bringing the building (circa 1900) into compliance with city fire and building codes would be prohibitive and that the site is not large enough to accommodate the parking required for 150 seats.

At the first council hearing last Tuesday Councilman Francis Bailey, who with his two brothers owns the property, declared a conflict of interest. But he assured his colleagues that the old general store building is "more structurally sound than many built in the past year."

The council, with Councilman Louise Johnson absent, generally supported Lund's concept for a

community theater on the site.

Realtor Don Bissell, who has been helping Lund in her search for a suitable location, represented her at Tuesday's hearing.

Most community theaters are located near residential areas, Bissell pointed out, and the use of Bailey Road as the main access to the theater will not impact any of the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Lund's renovation plans include electrical rewiring to current standards, conversion of existing restrooms and the addition of a ramp for the handicapped. Adequate parking can be provided without ecological impact to the surrounding mangroves, Bissell said.

In response to the Planning Department's objection that a theater at that site would destroy the casual scenic view of the bay from the Causeway corridor, Bissell said Lund has no intention of adding a "marquee with flashing lights," nor does she plan any alteration of the exterior of the building.

Councilman Mike Klein said this use of the site sounded "pretty good" and he would support it. "But the critical problem is the parking. Is there room enough to park 200 cars there?" he asked.

Bissell said two sheds on the parcel could be relocated to provide enough space by opening up



perimeter parking at the point of the triangular-shaped parcel without destroying vegetation or mangroves. He said he would provide a sketch of the parking arrangement drawn to scale as well as other pertinent information before the second council hearing.

Mayor Fred Valtin suggested Bissell confer with Assistant Fire Chief Charlie Frederick about the turn-around for emergency equipment required by the fire district.

Bissell was reminded that if the cost of renovations exceeds 30 percent of the value of the building, then floodproofing will be required. This would mean elevating the building to the base flood levels for the bay beach zone.

Howe dissects property appraiser's report from page 19A

our modern society in actual need have a wide variety of public aid programs to serve them.

Also note from my columnar digest that Sanibel's average taxable value for its 9,222 parcels is \$99,890. Compare that to: \$52,477 for Fort Myers' 13,216 parcels; \$20,560 for the unincorporated county area's 220,995 parcels; and sparsely built-out Cape Coral's \$10,657 for its 129,494 parcels.

The only reason given to me over the years for the disparity in the per parcel values is: "The islands are an attractive and unique resort area whose inhabitants can well afford to pay more taxes." Whether or not islanders live off the tourist trade seems to be an irrelevancy, as does whether or not they are enriched by the property values falsely established by competing developers of the resort

areas of both islands who are here today and gone tomorrow.

Also noteworthy from the columnar digest is the nature of the seven general categories of tax exemptions recorded real properties in Lee County. The \$25,000 Homestead Exemption alone accounts for 51 percent of the total \$2,291,610,180 loss in potential taxable values. Its nearest competitors are: 18 percent for government properties and 14 percent for agricultural properties.

Concerned taxpayers should study the columnar digest and formulate questions to ask the property appraiser II and when he accepts the Sanibel City Council's invitation to address the council and our residents here.

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An eye for the islands from page 5A

After 7:00 and bought every piece of hot food in the trays. "I just can't understand it," she exclaimed. "After all, it's Monday night and not even Season!" Although it can never be proved, I strongly suspect that the A Team was responsible for that un-

seasonable raid on Hunters.

In any event, we muddled through with cold cuts, popped Vallium pills into our depressed cat (Phyllis, the Feral Feline), and stoically faced the fact that unpacking a garageful of boxes hearing mysterious

markings would be a major undertaking. Fortunately, misery really does love company. Thus for several weeks the mere sight of another new home on Sanibel with two cars parked outside a two-car garage was extremely gratifying.

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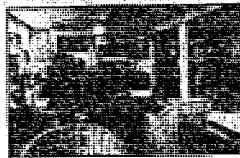
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Section B



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"What a curious feeling!" said Alice. "I must be shutting up like a telescope."

"... Today other mushrooms are considered much more hallucinogenic ... but obviously ... a conversation between a hookah-smoking caterpillar sitting atop a mushroom and a three-inch-tall little girl named Alice indicates (Lewis Carroll) was either hallucinating or had a tremendously vivid and versatile imagination — or both."

George Campbell

Magic mushrooms on Sanibel?

The Alice in Wonderland kind — can be found here

By George Campbell

Illustrated by Ann Winterbohm

Although Sanibel is not considered to be what aficionados call "mushroom country," one of the most famous species is sometimes found here. The "magic mushroom" of Alice in Wonderland can be found here in July and August and possibly at other times of the year.

Sanibel's resident amateur mycologist, Tom Sharp, has positively identified this species, *Amanita muscaria*, on Sanibel to my satisfaction.

There are a number of described subspecies that occur in the several-continent range of *Amanita muscaria*. The one here could be variety *formosa*.

Amanita muscaria is believed to be the species Lewis Carroll had in mind when he wrote of the mushroom in a conversation between Alice and the Caterpillar.

"Then (the Caterpillar) got down off the mushroom and crawled away into the grass, merely remarking as it went, 'One side will make you grow taller, and the other side will make you grow shorter.'"

"One side of what? The other side of what?" thought Alice. "Of the mushroom," said the Caterpillar, just as if she had asked it aloud; and in another moment it was out of sight!" After which Alice nibbled the right-hand side and shrank so fast that her chin bounced on her foot. She then ate some of the left-hand side and grew so alarmingly that all she could see was her extraordinarily long neck.

Carroll, whose real name was Charles Lutwidge

Dodgson, died in England at the age of 66. He must have experimented with eating mushrooms. Some students believe it was the English variety of *Amanita muscaria* of which he wrote.

Today other mushrooms are considered much more hallucinogenic than *Amanita muscaria*, but obviously (to me, at least) a conversation between a hookah-smoking caterpillar sitting atop a mushroom and a three-inch-tall girl named Alice indicates that Dodgson was either hallucinating or had a tremendously vivid and versatile imagination — or both.

Maybe, given the penchant of our youth to experiment with psychedelic substances, Alice in Wonderland should follow Little Black Sambo into oblivion. The latter's disappearance can be traced to sociological factors of a different nature.

I'm not a book-burner, but I do wonder how many of today's kids got an experimental urge to try mushrooms after reading of Alice's wonderful adventures.

Amanita muscaria on Sanibel has a grey-to-whitish or yellowish mushroom cap, two-to-six inches in diameter, sometimes with light cotton-like patches on the dome. These are fragments of the egg-like universal veil, from which first the "button" and then the adult mushroom grows. These patches are not reliable identification characters, however, for rain or age can cause them to drop off, rendering the appearance of *Amanita muscaria* like that of certain edible species, such as *Leptota naeana*, the smooth *Leptota*, one of the parasol

mushrooms. The latter can be eaten, but with caution, and only after POSITIVE identification.

The family Amanitaceae contains some of the most poisonous mushrooms extant. *Amanita muscaria* is not usually fatal (else we might never have had Alice in Wonderland). But it does contain muscarine, a ptomaine base, and pilzatripine, which together cause lacrimation, salivation, sweating, pupillary sphincter spasm, vomiting, collapse, coma and possible convulsions.

Related species in genus *Amanita* are really deadly; e.g. the death cap, *A. phalloides*, and the destroying angel, *A. virosa*. The death cap might not occur on Sanibel, but the destroying angel probably does. These *Amanita* species are veritable toxic chemical factories.

Amanita muscaria, in addition to being called the magic mushroom, is also known as the fly mushroom. The name "mushroom" from the Latin root meaning "fly." A suitable ball, often simply sweetened milk, can be prepared and mixed with *Amanita muscaria* fragments and left out to attract hungry house flies. After ingesting this charming mixture a fly experimenter some of the symptoms suggested above aid, stupified, is easily destroyed.

In Lee County cow pastures another interesting mushroom genus grows — on "cow pies." I don't know that the species occurs on Sanibel, but it is brought here and consumed by visitors — consumed for its hallucinogenic properties caused by the psychotropic agent psilocybin, which produces LSD-like symptoms. The family is Strophariaceae and the species is probably *P. caerulea*, the blue-foot psilocybe — so-named because this brown mushroom turns blue when handled.

Not so long ago Lee County was the source of a lot of the blue-foot psilocybe that was distributed to the northern states by some enterprising (and rich) young Floridians. Maybe it still is. Some years ago I was "inquiring" into a local "dealer" who made regular runs to Pittsburgh with dried blue-foots. Here we shall call him Charlie because that was not his name. Charlie knew all the cow pastures from here to Lake Okechobee and cruised them regularly. Others were likewise, and soon the law caught on and began "busting" some of these young entrepreneurs.

Charlie, being very resourceful, knew that he would have to legitimize his image or get busted, too. So he developed an "interest" in rattlesnakes. He kept a nice big fat one in a pillow case. When mushroom-hunting, Charlie took his bagged rattler along and put the first pillow case containing the snake inside another empty one and proceeded to cruise the cow pastures blue equipped. The gathered mushrooms were placed in the outside bag under the deadly serpent.

Farmers welcomed Charlie as he was able to "prove" that he was riding their land of deadly rattlers. The law soon learned to recognize Charlie and after a few terrified peeks at the venomous creature, deputy sheriffs were glad to leave him alone.

I am not acquainted with the legal status of Psilocybe. I do, however, emphatically advise against its consumption. Complete knowledge of its physiological activity is not known. Its use might be very damaging. In any case, to win in this evermore-complicated world, one should be as sharp-witted as one's own particular mental endowment permits. To fog one's brain with psychedelic drugs is really idiotic and self-destructive. Psilocybe may be no worse than alcohol for all I know, but certainly our society doesn't need another drug problem, even one like alcohol, which is responsible for killing and maiming thousands of people each year.

Add to this the striking similarity between certain poisonous and non-poisonous mushroom species and you will realize this is a truly life-threatening area of activity. Even expert, highly-trained mycologists sometimes make mistakes and pay for their errors with their lives. I know of two mycologists, one a very famous Swiss pharmaceutical manufacturer, whose name is a household word in Europe, and the other an American, who died after eating what they thought were harmless mushrooms.

So regarding all mushrooms that grow on Sanibel, my suggestion is emphatic: DO NOT CONSUME WILD MUSHROOMS ON SANIBEL!

Grow your own mint for tea, jelly, sauces... or just a wonderful fragrance

A master gardener from the Lee County Extension Service will be at the Captiva Memorial Library from 9:30 to 11 a.m. this Wednesday, Aug. 15, and at the Saibel Public Library from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on the same day. Bring your special gardening problems or questions. The clinics are free.

By Kaye Cude
Master gardener
Lee County Extension Service

Theophrastus (371-287 B.C.), a Greek philosopher and teacher, accounted for the origin of mint and its botanical name, *Mentha*.

In his work *On the Causes of Plants*, Theophrastus wrote that the beautiful nymph, Mentha (sometimes called Mintha) was metamorphosed into the plant we call mint. Theophrastus wrote that this was done by Proserpine after learning of the love Pluto bore for Mentha.

Professor John Howson (1796-1931), an English botanist who wrote *Origin and History of our Garden Vegetables*, maintained mint was not truly native to any country. But most botanists believe its origin was in the Mediterranean area.

The Romans made wide use of mint and took it to Britain, where it immediately became important. Spearmint was mentioned in John Josephyn's long list of plants brought to America by the Pilgrims.

Mint easily escapes cultivation and is now found in all parts of the world. It

readily cross-pollinates with other mints, making the number of varieties impossible to estimate. Only a few of the plants that establish themselves "in the wild" or that result from cross-pollination are of a quality worth propagating.

Mint was an ingredient in most early medicines, whether for external or internal use. It was often sown on floors to "clear the air" of unpleasant odors, as its fragrance was released from walking on the leaves. It was often used for bartering and paying debts. The ancients also believed mint to be the best repellent for driving mice from an area.

Peppermint and spearmint are the most popular mints. Many other varieties have also been identified. Apple, pineapple, orange, bergamot, eau de cologne and pennyroyal are grown by herb fanciers. Orange bergamot has a strong flavor and is added to many teas.

Mint is a member of the Labiateae family, as are sage, basil, rosemary, thyme and marjoram. Some mints like pennyroyal and cranberry mint are creeping plants; others can attain a height of three or four feet.

The leaves and stems of mint plants can be various shades of green. Some varieties are tinged with red or purple. Mint leaves are round, oval, pointed, smooth or slightly toothed. The stems are always square. White, pink, lilac or purple flowers bloom in rings or whorls in the leaf axils.

A soil pH of 6.0 to 7.5 is needed for

growing most mints. Gravelly loams with a great deal of humus added are ideal, as is well-drained muck soil. Liming might be necessary if the soil is too acid. Well-rotted manures are considered excellent material to add to soil before planting mints.

Many herb growers contend that herbs fail to develop their best flavors, fragrances and other qualities if only commercial fertilizers are used. A source of irrigation is necessary. Mint, like other herbs, will die if either its stems and leaves or its roots are allowed to dry out. Covering the soil with moist mulch before planting helps preserve moisture and control weeds.

Mints grow and spread laterally on runners called stolons. They are very shallow rooted. Hanging baskets are excellent containers for growing mints because they allow the lateral growth. Stolons or rooted cuttings from healthy plants are more dependable than planting seeds, which often produce plants of lesser quality than the parent plant.

A large portion of the world's mint is grown in the United States. Reviewing the problems that commercial mint growers encounter might help you understand why mint is so difficult to grow in Southwest Florida.

All the large acreages of mint grow above the 40th parallel. Washington, Oregon, Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan have the largest number of acres planted in spearmint and pep-

permint. Because mint is subject to at least three different nematodes as well as anthracnose and other lesser diseases and mint will be caused by a soil-borne fungus, growers relocate the growing areas as often as every two years. Corn seems to do best in areas that were once used for tobacco.

Mint is attacked by numerous insect pests. Looper, mint flea beetles, various root weevils, symphyla, cut worms, mites and even mint aphids are responsible for destroying many plants or weakening them to a point that they are susceptible to further damage from disease or unfavorable weather, another frequent enemy.

Standing water heated by the sun, lack of protection from the wind or a sudden dip to below freezing temperatures can kill or severely weaken actively growing mint plants.

In Southwest Florida mint should be planted in areas protected from wind and sun. If standing water occurs, immediately take cuttings to start a new plant.

Most mints grow well here in the winter months, but you should always protect the mint bed or container if temperatures in the low 30s are predicted. As we have learned from commercial growers, it is wise to prepare a new bed or container each year and start new plants. Regular applications of fish oil emulsion fertilizer will help keep your mint healthy.



Nature Center presents Alaska show

Enjoy a slide tour of Alaska, the nation's largest state, at the Lee County Nature Center at 2 p.m. this Sunday, Aug. 19. Ray and Helen Ward visited Alaska and recorded the *Great Land's* spectacular landscapes, wilderness and abundant wildlife on film. Their

presentation features icebergs, glaciers, humpback whales and large numbers of native plants and animals. Their travels took them to Anchorage, Nome, Point Barrow and Glacier National Monument. For more information call the Nature Center, 275-3425.

South Seas presents wildlife art, slide show

A wildlife art and slide show will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. this Friday, Aug. 17, at Lindberg Hall in Chadwick's Square at South Seas Plantation. Local artists have created the wildlife art that will be displayed. The

slide show will be presented by Care and Rehabilitation of Wildlife workers. For more information and to make reservations call 472-5113, ext. 3425.

New books at the Captiva Memorial Library continued

philosophy — make the most of the "best years" by making every day count — also covers such topics as diet, nutrition, loneliness, the importance of remaining active, widowhood, heirs, hobbies, medical crises, senior sexuality and much more.

Jackson, Reggie. *Beagle* (Villard Books, 1984) — This autobiography of baseball superstar Reggie Jackson is a portrait of a man who feels he is misunderstood and now has the chance to set the record straight.

Kahn, Herman. *Thinking About*

the Unthinkable in the 80s (Simon and Schuster, 1984) — This new edition of Kahn's 1962 classic work on nuclear war takes into consideration the political, technical and moral developments of the past 20 years. Kahn feels it is crucial to maintain a militarily strong defense, while we

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Berlitz, Charles. *Atlantis: The Eighth Continent* (Putnam's, 1984) — Berlitz provides the missing pieces of the Atlantis puzzle, offering convincing analysis of an once thriving land now lost beneath the sea. Based on such objective sources as ocean cartographers, space agencies and archaeological dating experts, the study will force a reappraisal of the scientific timetable of our world. It pushes back the period for the emergence of civilized man and should generate an exciting dialogue about the history of mankind.

Collier, Peter, and David Horowitz. *The Kennedys: An American Drama* (Summit, 1984) — A

hard-hitting look at the lives of all the Kennedys. Filled with previously unused and unknown sources, this book brings a new perspective to America's first family.

Gallup, George Jr. *Forecast 2000: George Gallup Jr. Predicts the Future of America* (Morrow, 1984) — The recently deceased president of the Gallup Poll predicts the "future history" of the U.S. Gallup offers his own observations and suggestions about how to prepare for the nuclear threat, the growth of computer technology, the destruction of the environment and the changing family structure.

Hastings, Max. *Overlord: D-Day, June 6, 1944* (Simon and Schuster, 1984) — A dramatic account of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy that blends personal testimony and strategic overviews. The account includes interviews with British, American and German survivors and creates an unforgettable portrait of the long, bloody campaign that involved more than 2 million men.

Hayes, Helen. *Our Best Years* (Doubleday, 1984) — Our First Lady of the Theater, now 83, is a model for the senior set. As spokesperson for the elderly, she shares her simple

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LIBRARY REPORTS

New books at the Sanibel Public Library

NON-FICTION
Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives — Are you working on a family history? This book issued by the National Archives Trust Fund Board will guide you in searching federal records that document American history from the time of the First Continental Congress. Each section includes a valuable explanatory introduction.

Chaidini, Dr. Robert. *Influence: A study of how and why people agree to things* — Chaidini outlines and illustrates the six fundamental patterns he has found whereby people are persuaded and influenced toward making decisions. These are the patterns that successful persuaders use everyday to get us to say yes.

Kazin, Alfred. *An American Procession* — A sprightly, informative commentary on the leading American writers from Emerson to Hemingway. Kazin makes his authors live by

presenting them in a vividly historical context and shows us that their writings still have relevance.

Mead, Chris. *Bird Migration* — This fascinating text is amplified by maps, drawings and photographs designed to introduce both the amateur bird watcher and the general reader to the world of bird migration. From ancient days to the present the annual arrival and disappearance of migratory birds has challenged the interest of alert observers.

Toth, Susan Allen. *Ivy Days* — These are the delightful memoirs of a Iowa innocent who met culture shock when she arrived at Smith College as a member of the Class of '61. Toth's recollections are like being at a class reunion and perusing your college yearbook with your long-ago roommate.

Vreeland, Diana. *D.V., Diana Vreeland takes us through her world.*

This is the brilliant, charming woman whose genius for style inspired the world of high fashion for half a century as she was fashion editor of Harper's Bazaar, editor-in-chief of Vogue and creator of magnificent fashion/art shows at the Metropolitan Museum.

FICTION
Adleman, Robert. *Sweetwater Fever* — This novel is built around the first gold strike in Oregon. The characters' lives are interwoven in the trawling, lusty, free-spending life of a mining camp.

Burley, W.J. *Wycliffe and the Beales* — When Bunny Newcombe is murdered, all heads seem to favor Washford's most prominent family, the eccentric Beales. Superintendent Wycliffe of Scotland Yard digs deep into the Beales' tangled past to find motive and killer.

Ormerod, Roger. *The Hanging Doll Murder* — Det. Inspector Richard

Patton is due to retire in three days. Enter complications: A vicious criminal is released from prison, a probation worker's husband disappears, and a murder victim is found in a remote cottage. Follow the action in this cleverly constructed puzzle.

Sutren, Victor. *In Perilous Seas* — Set the sails and man the guns! This spirited, *lusty* sea adventure is set in the mid-18th century. France, England, Spain and Holland struggle for supremacy on the seas.



Sheinwold on bridge

South dealer
East-West vulnerable

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♥KQJ74
♦K83
♠8

WEST
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♦QJ9
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EAST
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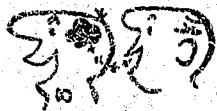
By Alfred Sheinwold
I admire those who have nothing to say and are determined not to say it. This sentiment applies particularly to doubles.
When today's hand was played in a European match, East's double helped the opponents in both the bidding and play.

North's response of three clubs, the Slayman Convention, asked South to bid a major suit of four or more cards. South obediently showed his spades, and North jumped to six, encouraged by the double. If East had club strength, South's strength was elsewhere, especially in spades, where it would be needed.

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You hold: ♠Q9530642 AK1985
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ANSWER
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Morgan's Lounge -- At the Sundial, Middle Gulf Drive, Sanibel, Through August dance to the music of Trio from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

Peppers -- In the Tahitian Garden shopping center on Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays hear the Doc Travis Band

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Paradise Lodge -- At Casa Ybel Resort, Casa Ybel Road, Sanibel, Through Aug. 25 hear the original Jamboree Run with Steve, Doug and Jeff playing contemporary jazz, rock 'n' roll, Top 40 and ballads, beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Happy hour with piano music from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Closed Monday. Dancing, no cover.

Island Cinema -- Tonight see Two of a Kind a comedy about good and evil, starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. Rated PG. Show is at 8 p.m.

Starting Wednesday and through Aug. 21 see Heart Like a Wheel, a highly acclaimed biographical film about a woman stock car driver. Was given four stars by Time, the New York Times and the Chicago Tribune. Rated P.G. One show at 8 p.m. daily.

Local flautist will play at Congregational Church

Sanibel resident Lisa Dormer will play the flute during worship services at the Sanibel Congregational Church beginning at 11:15 a.m. this Sunday, Aug. 19.

Dormer is a graduate of the Boston Conservatory. Earlier this summer she was awarded a playing spot in a master's class at the University of

South Florida taught by Jeffrey Gilbert, an early teacher of celebrated flautist James Galway.

The Sanibel Congregational Church meets at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church on Periwinkle Way. The Rev. Richard Stein is pastor. Jo Ann Tatro of Fort Myers is the summer organist.

USF holds registration for fall semester

The Fort Myers campus of the University of South Florida will hold registration for the fall semester on Aug. 22 for degree seeking students

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ARTS ON THE ISLANDS

By Julie Niedenfuer



Connecticut shellers turn avid hobby into profitable, productive retirement project

Shelling, though common practice in these parts, presents a problem unique unto itself. Shellers flock to the Islands' fair beaches seeking additions to their collections that already occupy shoe boxes beneath both beds in the spare bedroom, plus the closets, not to mention the northeast corner of the basement.

And their often find themselves asking, as they head over the laundry tub scrubbing the banisters off yet another horse couch, "What can I do with all these shells?"

Ted and Helen Standish consider themselves avid shellers, but they don't ask themselves that question anymore. They've discovered how to use their shells in a way that is not only productive, but profitable as well.

The Standishes have visited the Islands for the past 25 years from Connecticut, where Ted was the director of marketing for Better Homes and Gardens and Helen was the head of a high school language department.

Shelling was a favorite activity, and each visit to Sanibel meant a substantial increase in the size of their collection.

Experimenting one day, Ted fashioned an unusual hair comb for his daughter by gluing small shells to a plain comb. "She loved it," he says, and so did her friends. Soon he was making earrings and pendants, and the demand for his

Jewelry was increasing by word of mouth.

In the meantime, Helen was busy refining her own shell craft — driftwood pieces and flowers made with shells, which often occupied the window sills of their vacation home at South Seas.

"People walking by would remark on how lovely their work. They'd ask, 'Where'd you get that?'" says Ted.

And like the jewelry pieces, he found people were soon asking to buy his wife's handiwork.

A year ago Ted and Helen retired and decided to devote more time to their hobby. "It was a talent I didn't know I had, although my wife has always been very handy," Ted says. But each had pursued professional careers vigorously,

and neither had taken the time needed to develop any types of hobbies. Retirement provided that opportunity.

"When you stop doing anything you digress into nothing. You'll vegetate unless you prepare for it."

"I'm keeping busy — doing things productively," he says.

For the Standishes, shell craft has proven rewarding in many ways.

"When you work in any kind of position it's difficult to measure your effort. In other words, you never know how much you've contributed to, for instance, making a sale. You can make suggestions and recommendations but then what happens? Did someone make more money?" he says.

"Chopping wood is another measurement. You've got your pile of wood and you can see how much you've gotten done."

"Shell craft is a talent I didn't know I had. But when people are willing to pay for something I've made, it becomes a measurement of my talent."

His most popular pieces are dangle earrings made from jungle shells. He says the toughest part of making earrings is finding two shells that match.

Treasure Gifts on Captiva currently handles a variety of the Standishes' shell creations.

"When you stop doing anything you digress into nothing. You'll vegetate unless you prepare for (retirement)."

Ted Standish

Captiva Library hosts exhibit of surrealist photography

Through Sept. 16, the Captiva Memorial Library will host an exhibit of surrealist photographs by Jerry Uelsmann as part of its ongoing series of exhibits on loan from the Ringling Museums in Sarasota.

In Uelsmann's photos, human form, natural landscape and commonplace objects are juxtaposed and combined to form a disturbing reality. His imagery is noted for its almost mystical utilization of the Florida landscape: hanging moss, half-

completed buildings left in the wake of a land boom, and unusual vegetation.

A professor of art at the University of Florida at Gainesville since 1960, Uelsmann considers Ralph Waldo Emerson, Minnie White, and Henry Holmes Smith his most important influences. In 1967 he was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for "Experiments in Multiple Printing Techniques in Photography" and given a one-man exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in New York

City. He has had other one-man shows in the Ringling Museum of Art, the George Eastman House and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The exhibit can be viewed during regular library hours, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Captiva Memorial Library is located at 11359 Chapin Lane (corner of Wiles Drive), Captiva.

Abstract, realistic drawings exhibit opens

The Lee County Alliance of the Arts is holding a reception for artist Dillard Larson and his exhibit "Figures" from 2 to 4 p.m. next Sunday, Aug. 26, at the Lee County Arts Center in Fort Myers.

Larson's exhibit consists of abstract and realistic drawings and paintings of the human form. It will be open for

viewing at the center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through Sept. 26. The center is at the corner of McGregor and Colonial boulevards.

The artist has a master's in design from Columbia University and studied at Parsons School of Design in New York.

Lee County Crafters plan Cape Coral show

Lee County Crafters are holding an arts and crafts show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 23, 24 and 25 at the Coralwood Mall, Del Prado Boulevard in Cape Coral. Admission is free.

For more information call 995-3384.

Over the airwaves

WSPF-FM 90.1, the public radio station of the University of South Florida at Fort Myers, has scheduled the following programs of interest for the coming week:

"Adventures in Good Music" with host Karl Hans airs weekdays at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Both the series and its host have received international recognition for the quality and variety in the show.

At 6:30 p.m. next Monday, Aug. 20, "About Books and Writers" host Robert Cromie interviews John Davis about his book on the Kennedy family, "The Kennedys — A Dynasty."

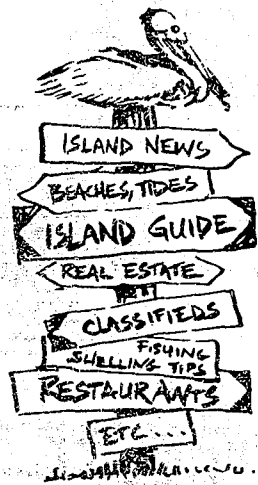
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ON THE WATER

By Captain Mike Fuery

It's rare that I receive complaints about shellers finding too many shells. But in the past few days two people have mentioned to me the thoughtless and tasteless taking of dozens of live sand dollars.

I've often said the sand dollar might be the most universally recognized shell on the islands. So it's not too difficult even for beginning shellers to identify and take them -- but we are doing our best to hold back on taking live shells.

Technically, the sand dollar is not a shell. We call it a shell because it is found with the hard-shelled marine mollusks and is more valued than most other true shells.

Sand dollars are echinoderms. We talked about this unusual family some weeks ago. Sand dollars and sea urchins are the most common and prized echinoderms. And that's the problem.

In the winter months during cold, northern weather fronts heavy seas and winds churn the beaches. Sand dollars often wash ashore -- to everyone's delight -- and some good collecting takes place.

The best part about this winter shelling is that the sand dollars are white or light tan and are "dead" -- which means the sea creature inside has died of natural causes. Its skeleton, if you will, has washed up the beach for you to find.

That's fine for the winter island visitors. But in

the summer months another story unfolds. We don't have those strong westerly or northerly winds to toss shells on the beaches. The spring and summer weather pattern allows the adults to lay eggs in warm, settled seas where they can start their life and become established before winter returns.

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While I was swimming off Captiva recently I found it impossible not to step on live sand dollars. With every step I took I could land on sand dollars of various sizes. No, I'm not going to tell you where I was. It was a boon for some people around us, who took great pleasure in pecking literally dozens of live dollars into buckets and bags.

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Many islanders have seen the same thing happen to the prized horse conch. These shells have but one fault -- they are big. And novice shellers equate big

with valuable, so the horse conch, not at all as colorful or intricately designed as so many other shells, is systematically being eliminated by collectors.

I can't get the message across to everyone on the beaches, and far too many island visitors feel they are exempt from the rules of nature if they pay their \$3 bridge toll. But I can urge you not to take large amounts of sand dollars from our beaches.

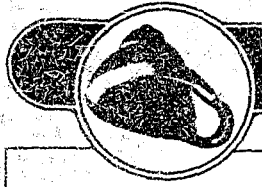
If you must, please limit your take to two per person. That will certainly take the strain off the live population. We prefer that you look for the dead ones -- they make just as good, or often better, display items, anyway.

Capt. Mike Fuery offers daily shelling excursions to North Captiva and Cayo Costa Islands. Call 472-5429 for information.



SHELLING TIPS

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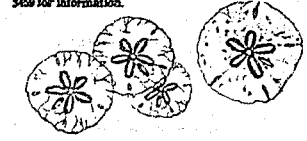
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ISLANDER SPORTS

By Mark Johnson

Sanibel Junior Championships played on island courts



Island swimmers place in Fort Myers meet

The Sanibel Water Attack Team placed well in league meet that was shortened by lightning Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the pool at the Cypress Lake Middle School in Fort Myers.

Six and under division
Drew Stern — Fifth, place, 25-yard breaststroke.
Aler Messinger — Second, 25-yard freestyle; second, 25-yard breaststroke; sixth, 25-yard backstroke.
Paul Sorenson — Third, 25-yard freestyle; sixth, 25-yard breaststroke.
Eight and under division
Andy Weaver — First, 25-yard freestyle.
Justin Muench — First, 25-yard freestyle; first, 25-yard breaststroke;

first, 25-yard backstroke.
Nine and 10 division
Abby Doran — Fifth, 50-yard freestyle; sixth, 50-yard breaststroke.
Chris Sorenson — Sixth, 50-yard breaststroke.
Brian Carson participated but did not place in his events.
12-14 division
Shamie Baum — Sixth, 50-yard freestyle; fifth, 50-yard breaststroke.
Scott Peloso — First, 50-yard freestyle; first, 50-yard breaststroke.
The team was transported to the meet on the Sanibel Trolley and expresses thanks for the terrific ride to Jim Anhoff.

Sports quiz

Most callers were stumped by last week's sports quiz, but two Islanders each answered part of the question. "Jimmy the Greek" was the only caller who knew that Valery Borzov of the USSR was the only man to double in the 100- and 200-meter sprints in an Olympics. Borzov won the races in 1972 with times of 10.14 and 20.00 respectively. Carl Williams has just joined Borzov with his wins in Los Angeles this summer.

John Mahoziak was the only person who could name all five events that make up the Olympic modern pentathlon. The events are: riding, fencing, shooting, a 300-meter

freestyle swim and a 4,000-meter cross country run.
As the Olympics end the sports-minded public turns to football. This week's questions deal with college football.
First, which of these college teams holds the record for the most consecutive games without a loss: Washington, Oklahoma or Notre Dame?
And second: Has anybody ever returned a punt 100 yards in college football?
If you think you know give us a call at 472-5185. If you're right we'll print your name in next week's Islander.

Sportsman of the Week: Scott Peloso

Members of the United States Olympic swim team are not the only swimmers whose performances have been outstanding this summer. Sanibel's own Scott Peloso has made his mark swimming for the Sanibel Water Attack Team right here in Southwest Florida.

Peloso, 14, won the 100-yard breaststroke during the Naples YNCA Third Annual Summer Classic Saturday, July 29.

Competing in the C class division, Peloso broke his personal record in 100-yard breaststroke by eight seconds with a winning time of 1 minute, 11.25 seconds.

Peloso has been swimming with SWAT since its inception five years ago. He says he wants to continue in the sport and hopes to go as far as possible with it. And if he works at it maybe he will accept the gold medal for the 100-meter breaststroke in the 1988 Olympic games.

Sportsman of the Week recognizes local athletes from fishermen in ballplayers and swimmers to rollers — of all ages.

The Islander welcomes nominations for Sportsman of the Week. Nominations should be in our office by noon Thursday and can be made by calling Scott Martell, 472-5185.



Joy Thomas, Andy Muench, Jennifer Muench, Heather Muench, and Andy Weaver (not pictured) raised approximately \$2,360 in the GLCY — Greater Lee County Swimathon held Saturday at the Cypress Lake Middle School pool in Fort Myers.

The five members of the Sanibel Water Attack Team each swam a maximum of 300 lengths of the pool to raise money for the United States swim team and the Lee County swim program. The youngsters went out into the community and gathered sponsors to pledge an amount of money per length they swam.

150 swimmers from all over Lee County participated in the event, and a total of approximately \$7,260 was pledged. Photo by Mark Johnson.

Softball tournament will benefit Humane Society

The second annual softball tournament to benefit the Lee County Humane Society is set for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 25-26, at Rutenberg Field in Fort Myers.

Team entry fee for the double elimination tournament is \$80. Each team is also required to bring two new nine dot softballs.

First, second and third place trophies will be awarded. Closing dates for entries is this Thursday, Aug. 16. For more information call Larry McKenzie, 335-1608 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Players win over Normandy Lounge means play-off for first place in women's softball

Cablevision Players handed Normandy Lounge their fifth loss of the season, 17-1, on Sunday.

The game started out as a hard fought defensive battle with a total of three runs scored by both teams in the first three innings. But in the fourth inning the Players blew the game open with five runs that spelled doom for Normandy Lounge.

It seemed nothing could stop the Players as they rolled up four runs in the fifth inning and finished the game with seven runs in the sixth.

Lead by Christy Welker and Patty Slaughter, both hitting four for four, and RBI leader Jane Rutherford, the Players hammered the Normandy

Lounge defence.

Normandy Lounge began the game with a hitting streak and tight defence lead by their infielders. After a season of weak hitting the Lounge seemed to come alive and connected with the ball very well, but it was too little too late.

It was the final regular season game for both teams. Players will be in a playoff game to break a tie for first place with Timbers next Sunday.

Both Players and Normandy Lounge coaches said they were happy with the level of competition displayed in the league this year, but they agreed they would like to see more interest generated in women's softball on Sanibel.

SPORTS

Rain-out schedule brings plenty of action in men's softball league

A full schedule of 13 games last week gave men's softball fans and players lots of action. All but two of the games were played.

Monday, Aug. 6, saw the Mucky Duck beat the Dunes 8er's, 7-5. Naumann beat South Seas and West Wind continued its winning streak by beating Peppers.

Rain hampered Tuesday night's games as Mucky Duck beat the Dunes, 3-0, in a shortened match. The other two scheduled games, Westwind vs. South Seas and Island Exxon vs. Peppers, were cancelled.

Wednesday evening West Wind beat Island Medical Center, 10-6. The end of the season was held Saturday when Oscar Gavin of West Wind hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the first inning and Richie Price followed Gavin with one run home run of his own.

"We tied them except for the two homers," said Island Medical Center coach Dr. Jim Bell.

In the evening's other two games, Island Exxon was given a mercy game after scoring 15 runs against Mariner. The final game of the night saw Naumann beat Peppers.

All three scheduled games Thursday were played. South Seas defeated the Dunes 6er's, 7-4; Westwind destroyed the Mucky Duck, 14-0; and Island Exxon beat Island Medical Center.

Exxon beat Island Medical Center. Fans attending Sunday afternoon's game saw a hard fought offensive battle between South Seas and Peppers. But South Seas finally pulled it out and finished over Peppers, 15-10.

Coming from behind, the South Seas men blew the game open in the top of the third inning as they scored seven runs and put every batter in the line-up on the bases at least once.

Peppers coach Rick LaPort said Rob Walton and Ron Gavin deserved mention for their hitting and outstanding fielding during the game. He also said he believes Peppers will be a team to contend with next year as the

men get used to playing together.

South Seas coach Ron Haven said his team's win was a total team effort, coming back from five runs down to pull the game out.

Standings as of Monday Aug. 13, are:

Westwind, 13-2
Dunes 6er's, 10-6-1
Mucky Duck, 12-3-1
Naumann, 10-5
Island Medical Center, 7-8
Mariner, 2-15
Island Exxon, 9-7
Peppers, 3-10
South Seas, 3-11

This week's schedule is as follows:

Monday, Aug. 13 — 6:30 p.m., Westwind vs. South Seas; 7:45 p.m., Island Exxon vs. Peppers.
Tuesday, Aug. 14 — 6:30 p.m., South Seas vs. Island Medical Center; 7:45 p.m., Mariner vs. Naumann; 9 p.m., Mucky Duck vs. Dunes 6er's.
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Brian Loudon of South Seas slides into second as Peppers second baseman Dana Crosby waits for the ball.

Seas vs. Island Exxon; 9 p.m., Island Medical Center vs. Mariner.
Sunday, Aug. 19 — 2 p.m., Naumann vs. Mucky Duck; 3 p.m., Dunes 6er's vs. Peppers.

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 Dana E. Brantley, Jr., Lic. Real Estate Broker
 MONDAY-FRIDAY 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
 (813) 472-1559
SANIBEL BAYOUS PHASE I
 Lot No. 101 Dinkles Bayou Road Lake at rear, \$37,000. Terms: 20% down with 3 annual payments; interest negotiable.
 Lot No. 103 Dinkles Bayou Road on edge of Refuge, \$35,000. Cash.
 Lot No. 116 Dinkles Bayou Rd. Lake at rear, \$37,000. Terms: 20% down, 1 to 3 annual payments; interest at market.
 Lot No. 117 Dinkles Bayou Road Lake at rear, \$37,000. Terms: Same as for No. 116.
 Lot No. 122 Back Bayou Road, \$30,500.
 Lot No. 153 Newnan Bayou Road, \$37,000. Terms: 25% down 3 annual installments; interest negotiable.
PHASE II
 Lot No. 185 Ladyfinger Rd. 1/2 mile to 221, \$47,500. Cash or 20% down. 3 to 5 annual payments; interest at market.
 Lot No. 316 Umbrella Pool Road, \$45,000. Cash or 20% down; terms possible.
 Lots Nos. 223, 225, 226 Long Point Lane \$45,000 each. Cash preferred; terms possible. Large deluxe homes presently under construction in Phase II. In both Phase I and Phase II, all utilities, including sewage are in the ground. Private easement to Gulf.
 For further information, call Dana E. Brantley, Jr., Lic. Real Estate Broker, Sanibel Island, Florida.
 P.O. Box 1000, Sanibel Island, Florida 33957

"BUILT-IN QUALITY"
 This is just one of the features that comes with every home built by Sanibel Homes. Let us put our 10 years of island building experience to work for you. A completely staffed office is ready to assist in making your island home a reality.
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 1028 Sand Castle Road
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 Monday to Friday 9 to 5
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 This unique 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom beach home is situated directly on the Gulf Shore, offering a breathtaking view. It's a one-of-a-kind, second residence located in the famed South Seas Plantation resort on Captiva Island. Recreational amenities include swimming pools, tennis courts, a 9 hole golf course, deep water marina, 3 award-winning restaurants and of course, shopping on miles of white sugar sand beaches. \$570,000 — Terms possible.
 For further information, call Sherry Anderson, Broker/Salesperson. Evenings: 472-2456
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25 Words or less	\$2.00
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Top of Blind Ads	\$1.00 extra per week
Sanibel Help Wanted	50% off Reg. Rates
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<p>MAIL TO: The Islander</p> <p>P.O. Box 50</p> <p>Sanibel, FL 33957</p>	<p>MAIL TO: The Islander</p> <p>P.O. Box 50</p> <p>Sanibel, FL 33957</p>	<p>MAIL TO: The Islander</p> <p>P.O. Box 50</p> <p>Sanibel, FL 33957</p>

LOST - FOUND

FOUND - Small female dog - tan, white, red and white - "Bentley" type. Found on Periwinkle at Pine Beach. Call 472-5572. (18-1)

SERVICES

Former Island Newspaper photographer available for freelance assignments. Specializing in portraits, real estate, aerial photography, and artistic portraits. Call David Meardon at 472-2246. (TFM)

SITUATIONS WANTED

Roommate needed to share 2 bedroom apartment and be responsible for rent and utilities. Call Jean at 472-7941 or Shanna at 472-3487. (18-2)

HELP WANTED

Person needed for five time periods per week (4 or 5 hours each) for desk and related work. Year-round position. Full training given. Call 472-1341 for interview or appointment. West Wind Inc. (18-2)

HELP WANTED

Household needed. Mature person with drivers license and household with 4 year old husband and one. Mother must have room for car assignments. References required. Call 472-9991. (18-2)

HELP WANTED

TAXI DRIVERS We are taking applications for immediate and season drivers. Call 472-4140 for interview and details. (18-2)

LOST - FOUND

LOST - Sterling silver chain with silver anchor and buckle and black coral neck. Lost on Captiva Beach. Highly valued in sentiment. Reward offered. 765-3300, keep trying! (18-2)

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Tutoring - experienced, motivating teacher. Will tutor K-6. Have references. Call 472-9771. (18-2)

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TRAVEL

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SERVICES

Plaster - Drywall - Stucco repair work. No job too big or small. Free estimates. Licensed, bonded, insured. References. Call Don 547-8563. (18-2)

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For sale by owner. New 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, owner's finest custom. Hardwood floors with dining porch at rear. Five ceiling fans. Large screened porch. Landscaped yard. Road front street, cathedral ceilings, custom tile in bath, carpet, custom cabinets. Price \$140,000. 472-8521 (18-1)

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Seven year old solid home located in Sanibel Highlands. Two bedrooms, 2 baths, 1.36 acre lot. Call 472-8521. (17-1)

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For Sale By Owner. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, open floor plan. Dining room overlooks golf course. Two floor unit with elevator. Titled by 310,000. Call 466-7799 after 6 p.m. (16-1)

INTERVAL FOR RENT

Plantation Beach Club 2 bedroom, 2 bath, open floor plan. Interval rent. 2400. 11.50. Write M.S.D. P.O. Box 34 Sanibel, FL 33957. (10-20)

INTERVAL FOR SALE

One week of the Original Caribbean Inn unit on Sanibel. Interval rent. 2400. 11.50. Write M.S.D. P.O. Box 34 Sanibel, FL 33957. (17-1)

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Lighthouse Resort July 2000 (week 26) in unit overlooking bay. A great \$4,500 cash or \$1,700 with financing. Call 472-1100. (17-1)

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Lighthouse Resort sale by owner. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, tile floor, tile roof, concrete walls. 18 x 19 (1844) \$150,000 for both. Call 472-8521. (17-1)

INTERVAL OWNERSHIP
Small Island Beach Club on Sanibel, near 21. \$200 below going rate. Call anytime. (18-1)

INTERVAL OWNERSHIP
Spectacular Gullfront South Seas Plantation Beach Club week 31 (includes Memorial Day). Call 462-7900. (18-2)

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Crossword Puzzle by Jeanne Newland

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

ACROSS
1 Funny
6 Brewery
10 Hacende unit
14 Salad garnish
15 Inlet
16 Cumberland kin
17 White sale offering
18 The best one
20 Oxford tutor
21 Nocturnal
23 One-or-other
24 Set up
26 Cruel people
28 Landward
30 Possessed
31 In first
32 Living in
36 Scrooge's nephew
37 Element
38 Neighbor
39 Of Mex.
40 Clucky
41 Not resonant
42 Functions
43 Garden olomeros
46 The bars better
49 Kaye or Thomas
50 Sahara people
51 Carina comment
52 Hephrensible
55 Ship's craft
56 Callander
60 African fox

DOWN
1 In addition
2 Jeannette
3 Or Richards
4 Kaye the look
54 Desideratum
65 Simmers a long time

DOWN
1 Inhabitable
2 Malaga
3 Rhewatha's wife
34 The Miggins
35 Votes against
37 Liquors
40 Dilemma
41 Like the night crowd
42 Oil heaters
43 Bonifacio's
44 Bonifacio's place
45 Runabout
46 General royalty
47 Like some
48 Doctuffill
49 Clot net
51 Contemptible
53 Onomopoe
54 Ant and wood
56 Mr. Gazzaria
57 Miles
59 Put up chips

Everything you need to know about Sanibel and Captiva

Nature guides

Charles LaMont
472-3177
Sanibel on Saturday morning beach walks. An introduction to Sanibel's remarkable diversity and beauty. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$10.00 per person. Reservations are necessary. We meet at 8 a.m. near the Watergarden at the unopened parking lot east of the Sanibel Elementary School on Sanibel. Call Dick Friedman 472-1100.

George Campbell
Call 472-2189
For information look at the Sanibel and Captiva history. Offerings and natural history. Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$10.00 per person. Reservations are necessary. We meet at 8 a.m. near the Watergarden at the unopened parking lot east of the Sanibel Elementary School on Sanibel. Call Dick Friedman 472-1100.

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472-5718
Offering a choice of canoe trips on the Sanibel River, through the wildlife edge of the mangrove forest, to the beach. Fee: \$10.00 per person. Reservations are necessary. We meet at 8 a.m. near the Watergarden at the unopened parking lot east of the Sanibel Elementary School on Sanibel. Call Dick Friedman 472-1100.

Bait, tackle and gear

Bailer's General Store
1400 Shopping Center
Pineapple Way
and Taron Bay Road
472-1116

The Ball Box
1027 Parkside Way
472-1816
Open every day with a complete selection of fishing tackle, rod rentals, fishing and beach equipment for sale and rent.

The Real Deal Fresh Seafood Market
Periwinkle Way
and Casa Ybel Road
472-8619
Fishing and beach equipment for sale and rent.

Galleries

Castiva Memorial Library
Castiva Drive and Canon Lane
472-3132
Open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The Treasures Gift Shop
Across from South Seas
472-1830
Full range of works of local artists in watercolor, oils, acrylics and pastels, tool kits, stoneware and pottery.

Castiva Gallery
1028 Periwinkle Way
472-3207
Open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Galleries at Amco
At the Seaside Shops
363 Periwinkle Way
472-1868
Open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Beach accesses

Overlooked parking area on the west side of the Causeway, at the intersection of the upper end of Sanibel and the Sanibel Light House. Parking area at the eastern tip of the island at Gulfside City Park off Casa Ybel Road, on the west side of the Sanibel end of Causeway Road, at the point of Taron Bay Road and at the Taron property on Taron Bay Road.

On Tuesdays with restricted parking stickers can find beach access at Taron Bay Road, across Causeway Road, on the west side of Sanibel, at the Sanibel Light House, and on the Sanibel side of Turner Beach.

Island residents with residential parking stickers can park on West Gulf Drive west of Road Road, the bay and east side of Butterwood Lane, the bay and east side of...

Things to do and see

Sanibel Preserve Center
2323 Periwinkle Way
472-4193
Universal and nature exercise classes at beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.

J.M. "Pump" Darling
472-1100
Oil Sanibel-Captiva Road - The Wilson Drive and Visitors Center
Oil Taron Bay Road - The Bailey Tract walking trail. Open to the public for small observation.

Blind Palm Marine
Sanibel-Captiva Road
472-2702
Open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Bait, tackle and gear. Fishing and beach equipment.

Sanibel Captive Conservation Foundation
Sanibel-Captiva Road
472-2729
Open 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

Marinas, fishing, shelling, sailing charters

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Courts and courses

GOLF
Backview Golf Course
Par View Drive
472-1100
Full range of facilities. Open daylight to dusk, \$10.00 per hour per cart. Call for court times. Lessons available.

TENNIS
The Dunes Country Club
472-1100
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Sanibel Beach and Tennis
472-1100
Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Full range of facilities with 13 courts (hardwood and turf). Full machine and ball service available. Call for reservations. Lessons available.

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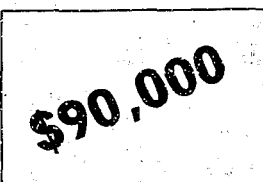


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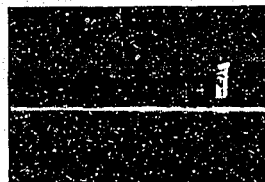


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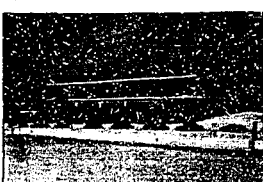
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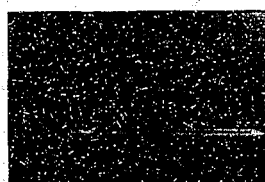
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